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POLL FINDS HARRIS, NOT BIDEN, HAS BETTER CHANCE OF BEATING TRUMP
Indian-origin US Vice President Kamala Harris is better placed to beat Donald Trump than President Joe Biden, according to a CNN poll

TRUMP HAS 6-POINT LEAD OVER PRESIDENT

About 47% of registered voters support Trump, while 45% back Harris in a hypothetical matchup, the poll found. In the Biden vs Trump matchup, 49% of registered voters said they would vote for Trump as against 43% for Biden. His poor performance in last week's debate with Trump has put the spotlight back on Biden's advanced age and ability to lead the US | P12

MORE PRESSURE ON BIDEN TO STEP DOWN

■ Pressure is mounting on Biden to step down as Democratic party's presidential nominee. "There's a large and increasing group of House Democrats concerned about (his) candidacy," a Democratic lawmaker said. ■ According to one Democratic aide, at least 25 party lawmakers in the House of Representatives are preparing to demand that Biden step aside

Sept 10

IS WHEN BIDEN AND TRUMP WILL FACE OFF IN THE NEXT DEBATE

Markets on a roll, Sensex at 80,000 level

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

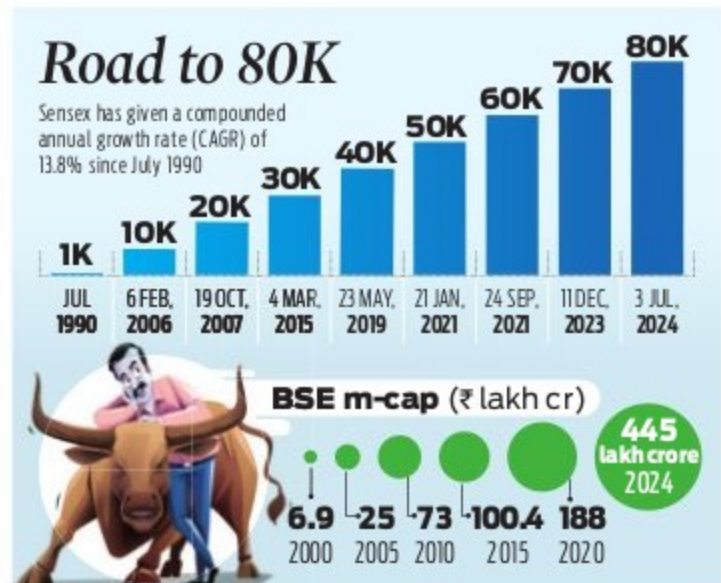
REGISTERING a new landmark for India's equity market this year, the BSE Sensex for the first time scaled the 80,000 mark on Wednesday. The 30-share benchmark hit a high of 80,057.90 during the first 30 minutes of the trading session. The Nifty50 index also touched an all-time high of 24,294.60.

The Sensex has added the latest 10,000 points in less than seven months as it had first breached the 70,000 mark on December 11, 2023. Its journey from 60,000 to 70,000 was a lengthy one as it took 1.5 years for the market to add the previous 10,000 points. Sensex had scaled the 60,000 mark on September 24, 2021.

What is notable is that the benchmark index has added about 8,000 points from the lows of June 4, the general election results day. Sensex had ended the June 4 session with a massive loss of 4,390 points, or 5.74%, at 72,079.05.

Much of Wednesday's early gain is attributed to a sharp pick-up in HDFC Bank shares. The stock opened 3% higher and hit a high of ₹1,792 per share as its weightage is expected to shoot up in the MSCI index.

"The focus of market activity today will be HDFC Bank which will continue its upward move factoring in the news of potentially increasing the weightage of the stock in the MSCI Index. The delivery based buying in the stock witnessed in the last many days has the potential to continue for a few more days pushing the stock further up and imparting resilience to it. As the weightage of HDFC Bank in Nifty increases there will be more delivery based buying by ETFs and also active funds," said V K Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist, Geojit Financial Services. He added that the US Fed's latest take on inflation is also positive news for equity markets globally. "The Fed's next rate action is likely to be a rate cut. RBI also is likely to follow suit with a rate cut in the next policy meeting," he said.



Drunk student stabs to death security staff at B'luru college

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A student of a private college, who came to the college drunk and was not allowed inside, allegedly stabbed a 52-year-old security in-charge to death. The incident took place in Amruthahalli around 3.30 pm on Wednesday.

The victim, Jaikishore Roy, hailed from Assam, while the accused, Bhargav, is from Bihar. A final-year degree student, Bhargav has been detained by the police.

After Roy refused to let him inside the college, Bhargav started arguing with him. The student then left the spot, went to a shop, purchased a knife and returned to the college. He stabbed Roy, who was at the gate, multiple times in the chest and the latter died on the spot, the police said.

Roy's family members were angry that the college management deputed him for security duty, though he was working as the cleaning in-charge. They further blamed the management for not providing him enough safety after asking him to do the security duty.

The Amruthahalli police have registered a case.

Champai exits, Hemant stakes claim to be CM

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

JHARKHAND Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Hemant Soren on Wednesday staked his claim to form the Jharkhand government, hours after Champai Soren resigned as chief minister.

Hemant Soren was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in a land scam case in January. He was released on bail last week. Hours before his arrest, he had resigned as Jharkhand chief minister and Champai Soren was sworn in.

Earlier on Wednesday, a meeting of INDIA bloc MLAs was held at the official residence of the chief minister in Ranchi. During the meeting, it

Karnataka govt caps rates for dengue tests at ₹600

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IN the wake of increasing cases of dengue in Karnataka, the health department has issued an order, capping the test rates. As per the order, no private hospitals or laboratories can charge beyond Rs 600 for the essential tests.

The prices are standardised at Rs 300 each for ELISA NS1 and ELISA IgM tests, totaling



Jharkhand Governor C P Radhakrishnan (centre) receives the resignation letter from Chief Minister Champai Soren (fourth from right) at Raj Bhavan in Ranchi | P11

was decided to make Hemant Soren the chief minister again. Soon after the meeting, he was unanimously elected as the leader of the JMM legislative party. Hemant Soren told reporters that all the formalities have been completed. "Every-

thing will be disclosed soon," he said.

Confirming his resignation, Champai Soren said, "Earlier, a change of guard was done in the state and I was given the responsibility. You all are aware of the developments

Rs 600. Additionally, the Rapid card test for NS1, IgM, and IgG screening will be Rs 250 each. As per the order issued under the Karnataka Infectious Diseases Act 2020, the directive mandates compliance from all private hospitals and diagnostic laboratories across the state.

The changes were made as private hospitals and laboratories were charging varying and exorbitant rates for these essential tests. **MORE ON: P2**

AFTER the Moon and the Sun, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S Somanath is looking at asteroids — not just to land on them, but to prepare defences against their possible catastrophic impacts on Earth.

The ISRO chief is eyeing opportunities to explore/observe Asteroid 99942 Apophis — measuring 335 metre across and considered one of the most hazardous asteroids that could impact



Bags and other belongings lying at the scene a day after a massive stampede that took place after a *satsang* in Sikandara Rao area in Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh, on Wednesday | P11

Modi finally ends silence, says Manipur violence is declining

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

BREAKING his silence on Manipur, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday told the Rajya Sabha that violence in the troubled state is declining and security and social stability are improving. He saw in them a positive trend towards peace.

Replying to the debate on the motion of thanks on the President's address, Modi said normal life has been restored in most parts of Manipur with schools, colleges, offices, businesses and other institutions functioning normally in Manipur. The state, however, is facing floods now, he added.

Amid walkout by the Opposition, Modi said law enforcement agencies have lodged more than 11,000 FIRs and arrested over 500 suspects in Manipur after the eth-

nic violence erupted in the state.

"Our government is continuously making efforts to restore normalcy and it is showing results. Union home minister Amit Shah camped there and steered all efforts of peace," he said.

In a stern message, he said, "I want to warn all the elements trying to add fuel to the fire in Manipur to stop such activities. A time will come when Manipur itself will reject such people."

Keeping up his tirade against the Congress, Modi said the grand old party was the "biggest opponent of the Constitution" and was anti-SC, ST and OBCs.

Taking a swipe at the Opposition for its walkout, he said, "They are unable to digest the people's mandate to the NDA to serve the nation. That's why they never face the government on the floor."

NAMITA BAIJPAI & PRABHAT SHUKLA @ Lucknow / Hathras

A day after the stampede in Hathras claimed 121 lives, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday announced a judicial probe led by former Allahabad High Court judge Brijesh Kumar Srivastava into the tragedy. Retired IAS officer Hemant Rao and former IPS officer Bhavesh Kumar Singh are the other members in the judicial commission.

Speaking to reporters after visiting the spot and meeting the injured persons admitted in hospitals, Yogi said the conspiracy angle can't be ruled out. He said the panel will look into all aspects of the tragedy. The panel will complete its probe and submit its report within two months. To prevent such mishaps from recurring, the judicial commission will also suggest the standard oper-

BABA ON THE RUN, POLICE RAID TRUST

Hathras deputy superintendent of police Sunil Kumar said the baba is on the run and yet to be traced. On Wednesday, police raided Baba's abode at Ram Kutir Charitable Trust in Mainpuri district



ating procedure to be followed during such events, Yogi said.

Referring to the initial report filed by the special investigative team led by ADG Agra zone Anupam Kulshreshtha, Yogi said the volunteers of Bhole Baba, in whose event the stampede happened, were managing it and district administration officials were not allowed inside the pandal. Police personnel were stationed outside the pandal. Yogi said the baba's volunteers fled immediately after the stampede without making

any effort to help the injured. Referring to pictures and videos of the baba with SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, he said it showed the baba's political connections.

On why the baba's name was missing in the FIR, which only named the organisers, Yogi said the initial report was filed against those who sought permission for the event. "As the investigation progresses, the ambit of the FIR will also expand to include all those responsible and accountable for the tragedy," he added.

Eyewitnesses and locals who rushed to the spot immediately after the tragedy blamed the organisers for poor management. Locals said the crowd was so large that the national highway abutting the venue was cut off for up to 5 km on both sides, blocked by buses carrying devotees from far-off places. Because of this, ambulances took an hour to reach. **P10**

CM: WHY SHOULD I RESIGN OVER MUDA SITE ALLOCATION?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday rejected BJP leaders' demand for his resignation and a CBI probe into the alleged site allotment scam and irregularities at the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

"Why should I resign? What is my role in it? Why should the investigation be given to the CBI," Siddaramaiah asked, when the media questioned him about BJP leaders demanding a CBI probe and his resignation over MUDA allotting sites to his wife in Mysuru.

He said the sites were allotted by BJP when it was in power, and accused BJP of irregularities. "As irregularities were pointed out, an inquiry has been ordered, a senior IAS officer has been appointed to look into the issue and officials who were involved in it have been transferred. Action will be taken based on the report. I am doing my work. What is my role in it," he asked.

On Tuesday, Siddaramaiah had said

there was no wrongdoing in MUDA allocating sites to his wife as the Authority had developed sites on the land belonging to her.

Responding to Leader of Opposition R Ashoka's demand for his resignation, the CM asked, "Did Ashoka, who was involved in Akrama Sakrama irregularities, resign?"

He said a Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed to probe alleged irregularities in the ST Corporation and ST Welfare Minister B Nagendra has resigned. But he was quick to clarify that the minister did not resign because of the allegations. The CBI is probing the role of bank staff in the alleged irregularities, he added.

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, who was in Channarayana, dismissed allegations of any scam in MUDA site allocation. "There have been no scams during the Congress tenure in the state. All the scams that the state is witnessing occurred during the BJP government. We will respond to all the allegations during the session," he said. **MORE ON: P4**

BBMP has no plans to hike property tax

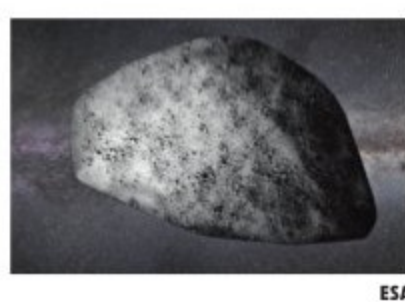
Bengaluru: Urging residents not to give heed to any rumours, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Special Commissioner (Revenue) said there is neither any proposal nor any plans to hike the property tax in Bengaluru | P2

CISF cop who 'slapped' Ranaut shifted to B'luru

New Delhi: CISF constable Kulwinder Kaur, who allegedly slapped actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut at the Chandigarh airport last month, has been transferred to Bengaluru, pending a disciplinary inquiry, sources said on Wednesday | P3

G-1 Mission on track

India's ambitious G-1 unmanned mission is getting ready for launch by the end of this year, said ISRO Chairman S Somanath. The four astronauts who will be part of the crew module are under a rigorous programme at the capability centre, he said | P5



Earth — which is estimated to pass our planet at a dangerously close distance of less than 32,000 km on April 13, 2029.

"India should be able to ob-

serve this asteroid... Discussions are on as to how ISRO can contribute, maybe by preparing an instrument for the mission or providing other kinds

of support for what is jointly being done by JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency), ESA (European Space Agency) and NASA," he said, while inaugurating a workshop on Planetary Defence for students at the ISRO headquarters on Wednesday.

"If an asteroid hits Earth, the impact can be disastrous. We need to prepare for planetary defence. If a 100-metre diameter asteroid hits us, it can be fatal, an entire nation could be wiped out," he said. **P5**

PEOPLE MUST BACK GOVT'S FIGHT AGAINST DENGUE: CM

Warns of action against erring officials in cases of water pollution; Govt plans calender of events for environment



Citizens take part in a cycle rally, as part of World Environment Day, at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SHARING details about the government's preparedness to fight dengue, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said that all measures are being taken to control it. He further suggested: "Citizens should also cooperate, as it is their responsibility to ensure cleanliness and no water stagnation." Speaking at Vanamahotsava-2024 and the World Environment Day celebrations here on Wednesday, Siddaramaiah called upon citizens to work with the government. He informed that a meeting was held with officials of various departments, including health, corporations, district commissioners, and panchayat officials, where directions were issued to them to work in coordination. He warned sternly against them, if any complaints of water pollution and contamination are reported. "It is the government's duty to provide safe clean drinking water and manage garbage. But citizens must also

cooperate and keep their surroundings clean," the CM said. Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre said an audit of the 5.48 crore saplings that have been planted, is under way, whose report will be ready by this month end. The government is also planning a 12-month-long calendar of events to spread awareness of the environment. While January will be observed as biological and medical waste control month, February is dedicated e-waste control, March to clean water, April to plastic-free environment, May to biodiversity and environment awareness, June to spread the message of World Environment Day, July to solid waste and building waste management, August to awareness of air pollution, September to create awareness on the harms of Plaster of Paris idols for the environment, October to water pollution, November to environment-friendly Deepavali, and December will have awareness campaigns on clean drinking water.

Nikita, a Class 9 student of Sunshine Public School cited concerns surrounding environment and health. She suggested to the CM that the government should focus on maintaining a healthy environment, as it has a direct impact on the health of the people, society and economy. She also urged the government to address issues pertaining to water pollution and waste management, allocate sufficient funds for the health and family welfare department. Six people were honoured by Siddaramaiah and Khandre for their contributions to environment protection and conservation.

Rally for nature

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar flagged off a rally, comprising students from various educational institutions and members of Bharat Scouts and Guides, from Vidhana Soudha to Sri Kanteerava Indoor Stadium. The DCM said directions were issued to all schools to sign an MoU with the BBMP to plant saplings.

BBMP TO PENALISE THOSE FOUND USING BANNED PLASTIC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AS part of International Plastic Bag Free Day, the BBMP on Wednesday created awareness about the ban on plastic and encouraged the use of cloth and paper bags. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath participated in the awareness campaign that was held at Muniredy Palya in Hebbal, which falls under BBMP East Zone. He said that single-use plastic is completely banned in the city and warned that the civic body would begin penalising those still using this banned material. "Initially, our officials will warn citizens and vendors found using banned plastic items. If they are caught again, fines will be imposed on them," Girinath stated. He interacted with vendors, explaining to them about the harmful effects of plastic on the environment. He stressed the need to shift to nature-friendly alternatives. Apart from creating awareness, he distributed cloth bags among the vendors and urged them to switch to this practice, while also calling upon citizens to cultivate the habit of carrying cloth bags each time they head out of their homes. He called upon BBMP officials to spread awareness about the plastic ban and urged traders to sell cloth bags to customers, who do not bring their own bags while shopping. He said that only with the support of citizens and traders can the plastic ban be successfully implemented.



BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath inspects plastic bags at a market in Hebbal, Bengaluru, on Wednesday | EXPRESS

FOR SAFER SKIES

ATC at KIA set for massive overhaul

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Air Traffic Control (ATC) at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is set for a massive upgradation to meet the future air traffic movement and to incorporate latest technologies. Located near Terminal 1, the ATC began operations on May 24, 2008, the day KIA operated its first flight.

This nerve centre for flight operations, managed by Airports Authority of India, has seen a tremendous surge in air traffic movement.

A spokesperson of airport operator, Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) said that the airport witnesses 720 to 730 air traffic movements daily.

"The present plan is to build another tower within the airport premises and the operations being conducted at the present ATC will be transferred there in phases. We need to be extremely careful that operations are not impacted," an informed source told TNIE.

After operations are fully shifted, the ATC will be upgraded completely.

Another source said that technology has undergone a tectonic shift in the last decade. "We plan to upgrade the ATC with the latest communication equipments. They need to be



The Air Traffic Control tower at Kempegowda International Airport

imported," he said. The refurbishment and upgradation of the new ATC will cost around Rs 200 crore, the source added.

A source familiar with airport operations said, "The life-line of all the equipments being used in the present ATC ranges between 10 and 12 years. Since they are already in a good shape, we get them annually assessed and certified by the safety authority of AAI."

The upgraded ATC could take anywhere between 6 months and one year to be set up.

A BIAL spokesperson said, "The proposed ATC is in a preliminary stage. We do not want to comment on it."

BMTC introduces two new bus routes

BENGALURU: The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has announced two new bus routes -- numbers 170 and 141-K. While 170 will operate from Koramangala to Jayanagar 4th Block, covering St Francis College, Koramangala 80 Feet Road, Koramangala Kalyana Mantapa, Adugodi, Bengaluru Dairy Circle, and Carmel Convent, route number 141-K will operate between Koramangala and Shivajinagar, covering St Francis College, Koramangala 80 Feet Road, Rajendranagar, Vivekanagar, Austin Town and Mayo Hall. Route number 170 will operate 18 single trips, whereas 141-K will provide 10 single trips every day. These new non-AC bus routes will be operating from July 5 onwards. ENS

EXPRESS READ

'Beyond Bengaluru will empower tier-2, 3 cities'

BENGALURU: The 'Beyond Bengaluru' initiative of the state government will empower tier-2 and 3 cities and improve ease of doing business, skilling programmes and energy efficiency, and also allow them to contribute to the economic growth of the state, said Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Karnataka on Wednesday. N Venu, Chairman, CII Karnataka, and Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (India & South Asia) at Hitachi Energy said that the government is creating a lot of support systems in terms of land availability and skill sets. "Talent is available in these cities, and post-Covid, they want to work in their places," he said.

BBMP says no plans to increase property tax

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE BBMP has clarified that there is no proposal to hike the property tax in the city. The Special Commissioner (Revenue) clarified on Wednesday that there are many fake reports doing the rounds in the media about the property tax hike and said there is neither any such proposal nor any plans to increase property taxes. He urged citizens not to give heed to any rumours. Property tax is a major revenue for the cash-strapped civic body. In 2023-2024, BBMP mopped up Rs 2,293 crore prop-

erty tax and discussions were on to increase the property tax. Also, from the existing 18 lakh properties, BBMP is aiming to increase the number of properties to 20 lakh, thereby increasing its total property tax. It is said BBMP shelved plans to hike the property tax as Lok Sabha polls were then round the corner. In March, the government ruled out property tax revision and put an end to the new guidance value-based property tax computation method from April 1 and clarified that it will continue with the property tax computation method adopted in 2016.

Cops seize e-cigarettes worth ₹3 crore in 5 months

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

DESPITE a statewide ban on e-cigarettes and vaping products, Bengaluru police data reveals that in the past five months, from February 10 to June 24, around 5,850 e-cigarettes worth Rs 3 crore have been seized for drug disposal. It has also been found that in some cases, buyers were threatened by peddlers with their transaction history to extort more money. Official sources said that following raids and closure of various shops retailing such products, consumers have increasingly turned to Telegram groups, which have become popular as means to access vapes and e-cigarettes.

Sources revealed that a majority of shops targeted in the crackdown had overstocked on e-cigarette-related products, often selling them at small shops and eateries frequented by school and college students. "These products were sold in discreet packaging and were available at nearly half of the shops close to city colleges," an official revealed.

The police have also connected some of the purchases to cybercrime, noting that in certain cases, buyers were threatened with their transaction history to extort additional money.

Mentioning about one such case, the official mentioned that a youth was extorted to the tune of Rs 76,000. The incident came



to light when the victim, afraid to tell his parents, fabricated a story that he lost the money to a Telegram group after clicking a link, following which a case was registered at the Bengaluru Rural CEN police station.

The peddler or fraudster was not traced, however, during the investigation, it came to light that the group was en-

gaged in dealing drugs. "When we asked the youth how he made the purchases, he shared that he would often send the money to multiple bank accounts and the e-cigarette parcel would arrive in the next two days," the official added.

Through the delivery period, police sources mentioned that they attempted to analyse the location and other details of the accused. However, despite using multiple devices to solve the case, the location traced back only to Perlis, the smallest state in Malaysia, the official said.

From February to June, the police have confiscated drugs worth over Rs 41.73 crore for disposal.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04th July : Today's patterns remind me of the idea of the Harmony of the Spheres. This is the ancient belief that the planets make beautiful sounds as they rush through space. It was said that if we could hear these then our lives would become richer, happier, and wiser. I think that perhaps we can hear this celestial music when everything else is still and silent.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Your romantic life is beginning to look rather more expensive. There is no better way to someone's heart than a generous gesture, perhaps a little present here and there as a token of your love. You never know - a partner might reveal hidden depths.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You must keep a firm focus on down-to-earth and routine activities, and realise that the more trivial or downright boring tasks you complete now, the better you'll be able to cope with a coming emotional whirlwind. Keep both feet on the ground - at the same time!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Consider the pleasurable aspects of today's tasks, chores and jobs. The ancient sages teach us that any activity can be fulfilling if tackled with the right attitude, and this is a lesson which you may now take to heart. Besides, perhaps the biggest ambitions are not the best ones.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Take domestic responsibilities seriously today. In spite of the fact that what really seems to be important are friendships and duties outside the home, you don't want family arrangements to slip out of your control. Perhaps a close friend can help you choose between irreconcilable options.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

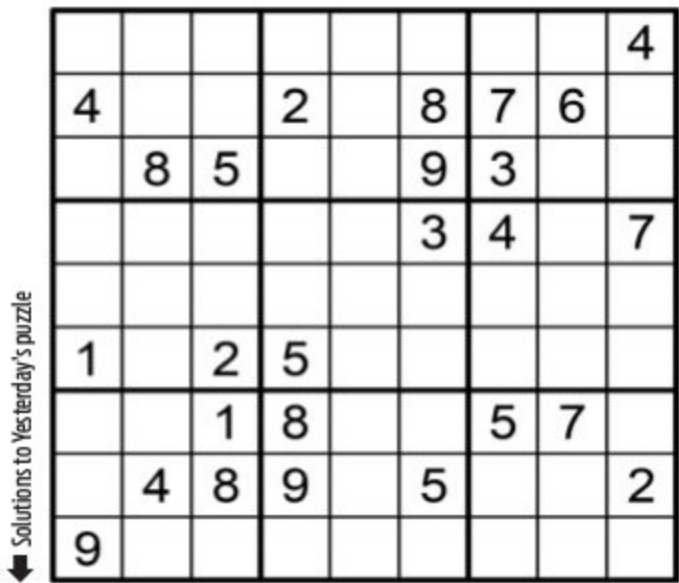
When powerful planets move across your chart they oblige you to face the reality of change. You may prepare for such pressures by sharing your hopes and fears and encouraging loved ones to reveal their innermost feelings. I hope you're not too surprised by what you hear.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

Financial considerations are now impinging on your thoughts and feelings, although whether major developments are in hand is questionable. You may do yourself a favour and keep an eye open for bargains, with down-to-earth necessities preferable to wild luxuries - but only just!

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

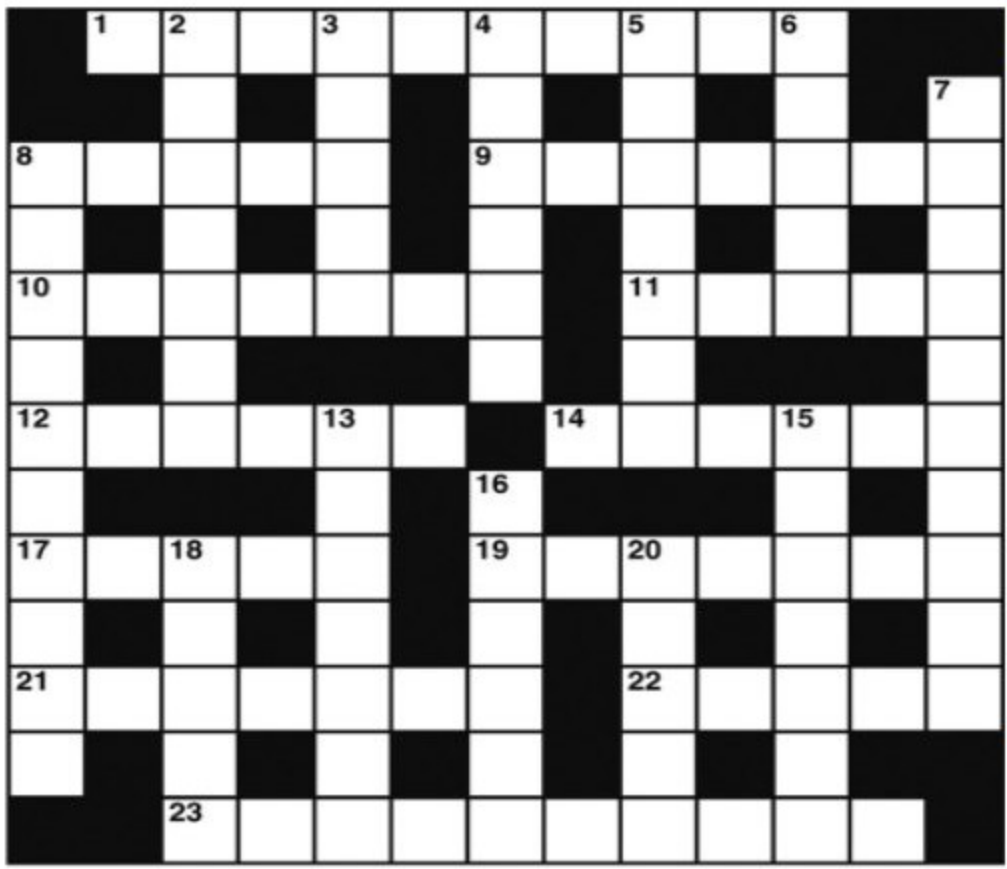
The financial situation should now be clear, but within a few days you'll realise that the only thing you can rely on is uncertainty. Make a point of listening to the experts, even to partners who may never have spoken a single word of sense in their lives!



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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- One composer introduces card game to another (10)
- It is included in the tax (5)
- Many set free (7)
- Commercial interrupts fight - it's boring (7)
- Once wild area of the world (5)
- This is not the full version; start again (6)
- When in a hole use your ingenuity (6)
- A wish to be in company (5)
- Hostile incursions where the fleet lies at anchor? (7)
- Sluggish domain without a user interface (7)
- Three goddesses lay out a feast (5)
- Officially register a complaint (6,4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Climb, 2 Islet, 3 Brigand, 5 Jeep, 6 Cosier, 7 Noddy, 8 Versimilar, 14 Opinion, 15 Two-bit, 16 Static, 22 Tails, 23 Airline, 24 Canute, 25 Usages.

DOWN

- They're not at home with regulations (7)
- The task is halved with this Greek character (5)
- Horrid sailor admitted? It's feasible (6)
- The opposite of praise? Well no! (3,4)
- The result is put to wrongful use (5)
- They may take control when people fall asleep (10)
- Table inlaid with nacre design for a temple (10)
- He doesn't go to any parties (7)
- It extends from Castile (7)
- One could make light of this box (6)
- New or reinstalled proprietor? (5)
- Differences need sorting out first (5)

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: FATTY VAULT NEATLY DOLLAR Answer: The giraffe telling the story to the other giraffes - TOLD A TALL TALE

GIRL'S BODY FOUND NEAR KSR PARKING LOT

Five-year-old was reportedly murdered elsewhere by miscreants; five police teams to probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A five-year-old girl was found murdered on the footpath of the parking lot in front of the main entry of the busy KSR Bengaluru City Railway Station, on Wednesday morning. Unidentified miscreants, who are suspected to have murdered the girl elsewhere, kept the body on the footpath outside the parking lot, where many people sleep at night. Five special teams have been formed to investigate. Deputy Inspector General of

Police SD Sharanappa, who visited the spot, told TNIE, "As of now, we can rule out her murder being carried out inside the station premises. There are no major external injury marks. It looks like she was murdered elsewhere and her body brought at night and placed on the footpath outside the parking lot where many people sleep at night."

The body was fully covered with a blanket. "When she did not get up in the morning, one of them tried waking her up. Seeing no movement, he realised she was dead and alerted

the Railway Police," he said.

The Government Railway Police (GRP) have spoken to a few eyewitnesses. One of them recalls seeing the girl with her mother at the same spot a fortnight ago.

The DIG said forensic teams visited the spot and collected samples. "It is too early to comment. We have formed five special teams to crack the case." GRP registered a case and investigations are on.

A top officer of Railway Protection Force said they were expecting a breakthrough shortly. "There are many

CCTV cameras around and we will soon find out what exactly happened," he said. It is not possible that the murder happened inside the busy station, he said. "Investigations in cases of bodies found on railway tracks generally reveal that the murder is committed elsewhere and the body left on the tracks so that trains run over them and it appears like a train accident," he added.

In a span of four months, bodies of three women were found inside Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal in Baiyapannahalli recently.



FRAGRANT NOON

A flower vendor waits for customers, outside KR Market, in Bengaluru on Wednesday | ALLEN EGENUSE |

CISF constable who 'slapped' Kangana shifted to Bengaluru

NEW DELHI: CISF constable Kulvinder Kaur, who allegedly slapped actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut at the Chandigarh airport last month, has been transferred to Bengaluru, pending a disciplinary inquiry, official sources said on Wednesday. Kaur was suspended on June 6 soon after the alleged incident took place when the newly elected MP was travelling to Delhi. A police FIR was also filed against the constable on a complaint by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

Kaur is under suspension and has been posted to the 10th reserve battalion based in Bengaluru, sources said. She was shifted soon after the incident in the interest of a fair investigation, they said.

A senior commandant-rank officer is conducting the inquiry, and statements of the constable, her colleagues present at the airport that day, the shift in-charge and some airline officials are being recorded, the sources said.

They said the inquiry would take some time, following which an appropriate action would be taken. Kaur, who is from Punjab's Kapurthala district, joined CISF in 2009 and has been with its aviation security group at the Chandigarh airport since 2021. Her husband too was posted at the Chandigarh airport. Kaur was apparently upset with Ranaut over her stance on the farmers' protests. AGENCIES

No hope of marriage, lovers end life

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A 24-year-old married man and his 20-year-old lover ended their lives by jumping into a lake in Thalaghattapura police station limits. The duo went missing on Monday, and their bodies were found in the lake on Tuesday. The man's wife, who knew about her husband's affair, had decided to divorce him.

The lovers were college mates at a private college in Konanakunte. Srikanth, a resident of Konanakunte, was in his third-year BCom degree, while Anjana, of Anjanapura, was a BBA student at the same college. The two were reportedly in a relationship for the past two years. The incident happened at Tulasikere, near Anjanapura, in Thalaghattapura. On Monday night, both

of them left their houses. Anjana is said to have posted a video stating that they were taking the decision to end their lives as they cannot be together. They also stated that no body is responsible for their death. Srikanth also left a suicide note at his house. The couple went to Tulasikere and jumped in after tying their hands together. The incident

came to light on Tuesday evening, after Srikanth's body surfaced. When the authorities were fishing out the body, Anjana's body was also found.

Their family members had filed missing complaints. Srikanth's missing complaint was filed in Konanakunte police station while Anjana's missing complaint was filed in Thalaghattapura police station.

GYM STAFF TAKES POISON AFTER PARENTS SAY NO TO RELATIONSHIP

A 22-year-old receptionist of a well-known gym off Tumakuru Road died by suicide, after her parents reportedly opposed her marriage to a man she was in love with. M Shrivani allegedly consumed poison inside the gym, before calling her boyfriend, Shankar, and also texting him about her decision to take the extreme step. Shankar rushed to the gym and shifted her to hospital, where she succumbed. Shrivani, who was a resident of Dasarahalli, belonged to Davanagere. She worked at the gym at 8th Mile in Bagalagunte. While she was in love with Shankar, her parents Mallanna Gouda and Jyothi, wanted her to marry the person chosen by them, and were against her relationship.

Pic of baby dressed like Darshan in jail goes viral

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THE Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) registered a suo motu case, following reports of a baby being dressed in a jail inmate's uniform, marked with the number '6106' - the undertrial prisoner number assigned to actor Darshan, an accused in the murder of Chitradurga native S Renukaswamy.

The KSCPCR took cognisance of the issue after a photo of the child with the phrase 'Khaidi 6106' went viral on social media platforms. Responding, the officials from the department requested the

cyber police to investigate the source of the post.

A KSCPCR official told TNIE that the post violates Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice Act, which prohibits the disclosure of children's identity.

On June 11, Darshan, his close acquaintance Pavithra Gowda, and 11 others were arrested in connection with the murder of Renukaswamy, who was killed after he allegedly sent provocative messages to Pavithra on a social media platform.

Subsequently, additional arrests were made in the case, totalling 17 so far. At present, all suspects are in judicial custody.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF POSTS, CIVIL WING
PRESS NOTICE INVITING COMPOSITE PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER
Executive Engineer (C), Postal Civil Division, Chennai, invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate composite tenders for the following work:
N.I.T. No. : 24/PCD/C/2024-25
Name of work : Construction of small PO building at Pillayarukam vacant site under Virudhunagar Division
Estimated Cost : Rs. 4013229/- (Rs. 36.65,203/- (Civil Portion) & Rs 3,48,026/- (Electrical Portion))
Earnest Money : Rs 80265/-
Period of completion : 180 days
Last time and date of submission of bid: 23/07/2024 Upto 11:00 hrs
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.gov.in>

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into MOU to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its owners Smt. SAYAR BAI, W/o late Shanthi Lal, Smt. PISTA BAI, W/o late Roshan Lal and the other legal heirs of late Shanthi Lal, S/o Sohan Lal. Those who claim to have acquired right, title, interest or share of any nature over the schedule property may put forth their claims in writing within a period of two weeks from the date of this notification with supporting documents to the address given below. It may be noted that if no claims of any nature are received within stipulated period, my clients will be at liberty and entitled to proceed to get the documents of conveyance executed from the owners to acquire the schedule property free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the property situated in converted land measuring 02 acres in Sy.No.1, new Sy.No.1/1 of Bhuvanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist., and bounded on: East by: Land belongs to Munikadappa & Road, West by: Land belongs to Smt.Sayar Bai & Smt. Pista Bai, North by: Tank Bed, South by: Road.
Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the property land measuring 04 acres 23 guntas and 13 guntas karab in Sy.No.1, new Sy.No.1/1 of Bhuvanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist., and bounded on: East by: Remaining land in Sy.No.1/1 belongs to Shanthi Lal, West by: Land in Sy.No.2 belongs to Venkateshaiah, North by: Tank Bed, South by: Bhuvanahalli-Bagaluru Road, Place : Bangalore
Date : 04.07.2024
Sd/- Sadasiwaredy, Advocate, No.55, SAISADANA, 13th 'A' Cross, Sarakki Gate, Kanakapura Main Road, 1st Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bengaluru-78, Cell Phone: 9449816180.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RAIPUR

e-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal: <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

NIT No.- 15/GARDEN/RMC/2024 RAIPUR DATED : 01-07-2024

Online bids are invited for the following works up to 31/07/2024 at 17:30 hours.

Sr. No.	System Tender No.	Name of work / Description of work	Probable amount of contract (In Lacs)
1	155616	Selection of Corporate Partner for establishment of All Lab in Raipur.	NA

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh e-Procurement Portal <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> from 01/07/2024 17:30 Hours (IST) onwards.

For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above-mentioned portal NIT Details and other documents.

NOTE:-

- All eligible / interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on e-Procurement portal.
- Contractors can contact Help Desk for any clarification of their doubts regarding the process of Electronic Procurement System. Help Desk at Toll Free No. 18004199140 or through Email ID helpdesk.eproc@cgswan.gov.in

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MUNICIPAL CORPORATION RAIPUR (C.G.)

NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)
A-11, Sector - 24, Noida Dist. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-201301
PHONE: 0120-2412294, 2412445, FAX: 0120-2412397
Engagement of Management Trainees in NFL-2024
NFL had invited applications from energetic, young & qualified Indian Nationals for recruitment of Management Trainees in following departments, vide advertisement no. 03(NFL)/2024 dated 12/06/2024:
CHEMICAL, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, INSTRUMENTATION, CHEMICAL LAB, CIVIL, FIRE & SAFETY, IT, MATERIALS, HUMAN RESOURCE.
The last date of submission of Online Application has been extended upto 17/07/2024. Detailed advertisement & online application portal is available on NFL website: www.nationalfertilizers.com → Careers → Recruitment in NFL → Engagement of Management Trainees in NFL-2024. Any corrigendum/addendum/errata/update for this recruitment shall be published only on the NFL's website. **GM (HR-Pers.)**
NFL - A NAVRATNA COMPANY

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
Head Office: 10-152/1, Ashoknagar, Bandar Road, Vijayawada-520007
SHORT TENDER NOTICE
PDS-3/FR Chakki Atta/2024 Date: 03.07.2024
EMPALEMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MILLER CUM SUPPLIER (CHAKKI ATTA MILLS) FOR CONVERSION OF WHEAT INTO FORTIFIED CHAKKI ATTA AND SUPPLY OF 26302.224 MTS AT MLS POINTS FOR THREE (03) ZONES THROUGH AP E PROCUREMENT.
Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd invites Short Tenders for empainment and appointment of suppliers for supply of 26302.224 MTS of Fortified Chakki Atta in 1 kg Art work designed packets, with secondary packing in 50 kg new poly woven bags under PDS for the months of August, 2024 to July, 2025 to all the MLS Points of three Zones comprising of (26) districts in Andhra Pradesh State.
All the interested Millers cum Suppliers in All Over India may visit www.apscscl.in & www.approcurement.gov.in to view and download tender documents at free of cost.
Interested bidders/tenders to submit bids should be registered in website www.approcurement.gov.in and should also obtain digital signature certificates from any certifying authority in India. The details and procedure for obtaining Digital Signature Certificates are mentioned in the www.approcurement.gov.in or contact the helpdesk of procurement portal. Phone: 08645-246370/1/727374.
Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to: 11.07.2024 at 5.00 p.m and the tentative date of online e-reverse auction through ap e-procurement platform would be 15.07.2024 at 11 a.m onwards. **Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR**

संयुक्त बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Central Bank of India
Notice Inviting Tender
Ref No. RO-BANG:BSD-2024-25-35 Date: 02.07.2024
The Central Bank of India invites tenders from eligible bidders for "Proposed furnishing work of Interiors of 'Malleshwaram Branch'. For Detailed Notice Inviting Tenders, visit the webpage- www.centralbankofindia.co.in/en/active-tender AND/OR <http://centralbank.abcpocure.com/EPROC>
The deadline for submission of tenders is 18.07.2024 upto 3.00 p.m.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BANGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
PROCLAMATION OF SALE CUM E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 38 AND 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993
RC No. 227/2023 in OA No. 1162/2021
CANARA BANK, Avathi Branch V/s. MR. PILLAPPA V.,
To : 1.Mr. Pillappa V., S/o. Venkataswamappa, R/at: Harohalli Village, Harohalli Post, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District - 562 110.
The under mentioned properties will be sold by "online e-auction" through Service Provider M/s e-procurement Technologies Limited, Bangalore on 08.08.2024 for recovery of an amount of Rs. 48,40,550/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Forty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Only) including costs and interest as on 03.03.2024 with future interest till realisation. The future interest is chargeable at the same rate till realization of debt as per Recovery Certificate in O. A. No. 1162/2021
Date and Time of e-Auction 08.08.2024 between 11.00 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.
Reserve Price Rs.75,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Only)
Earnest Money Deposit Rs.7,50,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)
Last date for Bid Submission 06.08.2024 at 4.00 P.M
Bid Increment Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakhs only)
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Sy. No. 108/12 (Old), 108/12P (New), measuring 1 Acre 20 guntas, situated at Harohalli Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli, Bounded on : East by : Land of Kenchappa, West by : Land of H. B. Manjunatha, North by : Own Property, South by : Land of Rajanna.
For Terms and conditions of sale visit website of M/s.e-procurement Technologies Limited, Bangalore (Auction Tiger), Contact person : Mr. Praveen Kumar Thevar, Contact No. 9265562818 E- Mail ID : praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net. For further details Contact Mr. Gangadhar, Chief Manager, Canara Bank Avathi Branch (Contact Mob: 9618087930) Branch Land Line No. 080 23661111, e-mail ID : cb0427@canarabank.com
Given under my hand and seal on this 01.07.2024
Sd/- Recovery Officer-1 Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bengaluru

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
3rd Floor, Building No. 11/90, Near Old Shivaji Theater, J.C Road, Bengaluru-560002, Tel:25943663,25943664, Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)
A/c Nos. HL-37609319682 & 37652015456
WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated 02.08.2023 and its paper publication in "The New Indian Express" and "Kannada Prabha" on 26.08.2023 calling upon the borrower Sri. Siddalingappa Bhatnagar, S/o. Basetteppa Bhatnagar, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice Rs. 44,19,003/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Nineteen Thousand and Three Only) as on 31.07.2022 and interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on 26.08.2024.
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of Rs. 47,45,035/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Thirty Fifty Only) as on 26.06.2024 and interest & expenses thereon.
The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Absolute Sale Deed Regd. No. KEN-1-01527-2018-19, C.D. No. KEND693 dated 25.05.2018 at SRO Jayanagar (Kengeri), Bengaluru.
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Survey No. 18/1 and 19/1 of Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore measuring 3642.74 Sqm and bounded as follows: East to West: (257.76+279.81)/2 Mtr, North to South: (165.25+107.68)/2 Mtr, Boundaries: On the East: Sy.No.20/8, KHB Property, On the West: 9.00 Mtr wide BDA Road, On the North: 30.00Mtr wide BDA Road and On the South: 9.00 Mtr wide BDA Road
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: Entire Survey No.18/1 measuring 12859.77 Sqm and Western Part of Survey No.19/1, measuring 11552.86 Sqm. Totally 24412.37 Sqm bounded as follows: East to West: (170.32+150.52)/2 Mtr, North to South: (165.26+126.51)/2 Mtr, Boundaries: On the East: Part of Sy.No.19/1, KHB Property, On the West: C A Site & 9.00 Mtr wide BDA Road, On the North: 30.00Mtr wide BDA Road and On the South: C A Site & 9.00 Mtr wide BDA Road
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: Apartment bearing No. D-0605 2.5 BHK, on the 6th Floor in Block No. 'D' measuring SBA of 115.71 Sqm (One Hundred Fifteen Point Seven One Only) inclusive of proportionate share of common areas & consisting of Hall/Kitchen/Balconies/Wash area & 2.5 Bed Rooms/ 2 Toilet cum Bath Rooms. The apartment being marked in red color in the plan annexed hereto, related undivided right, title land interest in the land comprised in the "B" Schedule Property is 34.74 Sqm [24412.37 Sqm (Extent of land)/81320.142 Sqm (Total Super Built-up area) X 115.71 Sqm, (Super Built-up area of Unit)], bounded on: East: OTS, West: Flat No. D-0606, North: Lobby & OTS and South: OTS, standing in the name of Sri. Siddalingappa. B. Sd/- Basetteppa. B
Place: Bengaluru Date: 28.06.2024
Sd/- Authorised Officer State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre/ III, Banaswadi, No. 253, Dolphin Mansion, Near Bus Depot, 1st Main Road, HBR Layout, 2nd Block, Stage-1, Hennur Gardens, Bengaluru-560043, Email: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in
POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)
WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.
**1. Name of the Borrowers : Smt. Magdalin R W/o.Umashankar.M and Sri.Umashankar.M S/o.V.Mohan Rajan Demand Notice date : 23.11.2023 A/c No. : A/c No. : 38608477541 Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice :Rs.24,63,663/- (Rupees Twenty FourLakhs Sixty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Three only) as on 21.11.2023 and with future interest & expenses thereon Possession Taken date : 01.07.2024 Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.25,94,412/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred and Twelve only) as on 27.06.2024 + interest & expenses thereon. Description of the immovable property: Sale Deed No. KCH-1-02304-2019-20, C.D.No.KCHD408 dated 19.08.2019 at Senior SRO Gandhinagar (Kacharakannahalli) Bengaluru
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that pieceand parcel of Property bearing Old Sy.No.38, Present Converted Sy.No.38/2 (converted vide official memorandum dated 02.06.2010, bearing No.ALN (N.A.Y)SR.183/2009-10, issued by the office of Special Deputy Commissioner, BengaluruDistrict, Bengaluru), Present BMDP Katha No.91/38/2, situated at Thirumenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, totally measuring 1Acre 20 Guntas and bounded on: East by : Road and Remaining land in the Sy.No.38/2 retained by the Owners herein, West by : Land in Sy.No.40 belongs to Girijamma W/o.Muniyappa, North by : 30 feet Road and Sy.No.26/3, South by :Property belongs to Annaiah.
SCHEDULE "B" : 470 Sq.feet, Undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: Apartment bearing No G-05, on the Ground Floor, in measuring 970 Sq.feet super built-up floor, (which includes 728 sq.ft carpetarea) containing Two Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, vitrified flooring.along with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase & lift, contained in the multistoried residential building known as "SLV GREEN CITY", constructed over Schedule "A" Property, standing in the joint names of Smt. Magdalin and Sri.Umashankar.
**2. Name of the Borrower : Sri.Annam Reddy Prabhakar S/o.A.Venkatramana Demand Notice date : 23.11.2023 A/c No. : 38362519466 Paper Publication "The New Indian Express" and "Samyuktha Karnataka" dated 20.12.2023 Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice : Rs.24,73,566/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Six only) as on 21.11.2023 and with future interest & expenses thereon Possession Taken date : 01.07.2024 Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.25,73,479/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Nine only) as on 27.06.2024 + interest & expenses thereon. Description of the immovable property: Sale Deed No. BYP-1-00785-2019-2020, C.D.No.BYPD347 dated 29.04.2019 at SRO Gandhi Nagar (Bytarayanapura) All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.68/2, Khatha No.61, Municipal No.68, Old Ward No.100, New Ward No.19, under the limits of Bruhuth Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, situated at Nagashetty Halli, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, having PID No.100-349-68/2, New PID No.100-349-68, standing in the name of Sri.Annam Reddy Prabhakar, measuring East to West: 18 feet, North to South : 24 feet in all measuring 432 square feet and bounded on : East by S.Muniraju's Property, West by Road, North by : Chikka Akkayamm's Property, South by : Road. RCC Roofing House with 7 ½ Sq.feet area consisting of Ground Floor and First Floor, Cement wall, Vitrified Flooring, Honne Wood Door and Windows, with Duplex House with all civic amenities.
**3. Name of the Borrowers : Shri. Sudhish Vijayakumar Nair S/o. P Vijayakumar Nair and Smt. M Lakshmi Nair W/o. Sudhish Vijayakumar Nair Demand Notice date : 21.02.2023 A/c No. : 39910736935, 39914378363 Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice : Rs.37,27,647/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven only) as on 20.02.2023 & with future interest & expenses thereon Possession Taken date : 01.07.2024 Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.38,33,232/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Two only) as on 27.06.2024 + interest & expenses thereon. Description of the immovable property: Sale Deed No.BDH-1-03455-2021-22,C.D.No.BDHD883, dated 30.10.2021 at Senior SRO Bidarahalli, Bengaluru. Schedule "A" Property : All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land property bearing Sy. No. 58/1, which measuring 39.08 guntas, having PID No. 77/58/1, situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, K R PuramHobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, (Conversion order dated: 08.08.2016, bearing No. ALN(KRPH):SR.26/2016-17, for residential use, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District) and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Sy. No. 62, North by: Sy. No. 57 and South by: Sy. No. 58/2 and remaining portion of Sy. No. 58/1
Schedule "B" Property: (Un-divided share): 346 Sq.ft. undivided share, right, title, interest of land in the total land of Schedule "A" Property
Schedule "C" Property : Flat bearing No. 303, Flat contains 2 bedroom in Third Floor along with Covered one car parking bearing No. 303, with super built up area measuring 1055 Sqft (carpet area measuring 686Sq.ft) of the apartment known as "DS-MAX SAGIT", constructed over Schedule A Property along with water and electricity together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use standing in the name of Shri. Sudhish Vijayakumar Nair S/o.P. Vijayakumar Nair and Smt. M Lakshmi Nair W/o. Sudhish Vijayakumar Nair
The above mentioned borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned date.
The borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India**, for amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued and cost/ expenses thereon. The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Sd/- Authorised Officer State Bank of India Date :01.07.2024 Place: Bangalore
RACPC III BANASWADI, BANGALURU******

● Saffron party leaders try to lay siege to CM's house, detained ● Will fight scams both inside and outside legislature: Vijayendra

BJP DEMANDS CBI PROBE INTO MUDA ROW



Police detain state BJP president BY Vijayendra, MLC CT Ravi and others after they tried to lay siege to the residence of CM Siddaramaiah, in Bengaluru on Wednesday

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TAKING on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over the alleged Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site scam, the BJP leaders in Karnataka made an attempt to lay siege to the former's residence in Bengaluru on Wednesday. They were detained by the police and let off later.

The Opposition BJP members demanded that the government refer the case to the CBI, and sought Siddaramaiah's resignation. BJP members were led by state party president, BY Vijayendra, and the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, R Ashoka. They alleged that there was a Rs 4,000-crore scam in MUDA and an investigation by the CBI is required to bring out the truth. Instead of suspending officials, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh has transferred them, they said.

The BJP leaders also demanded a probe in the ST Corporation scam. Speaking to reporters, Vijayendra said, "There is a scam daily in this government. How can the MUDA scam in Mysuru happen without the knowledge of the CM? His wife was given 15 sites. Minister Byrathi Suresh went to Mysuru and transferred the officials involved. He took files related to Bengaluru and they are trying to hide it now." He said the BJP will fight both inside and outside the Assembly.

Will reply to BJP during session, says DKS

DyCM DK Shivakumar dismissed allegations of any scam in MUDA saying that there have been no scams during the Congress tenure in the state. "All the scams that the state has ever witnessed have taken place during the BJP rule. We will respond to all the allegations during the ensuing Legislature Session," he added.

Maha scam rocks Maharaja's MUDA

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

THE City Improvement Trust Board (CITB) was established by erstwhile Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1904, after the kingdom was hit by the plague. The Mysore government constituted a committee that recommended setting up CITB, with an objective of developing new localities, providing amenities, and developing junctions and parks. CITB, which was renamed Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA), is in the limelight for the wrong reasons, with a series of irregularities compelling the government to transfer officials and order a probe.

More than 85,000 applicants have been waiting for years to realise their dream of owning a site they couldn't get for various reasons since 2018, but MUDA is accused of giving lakhs of sqft in developed layouts to land losers under 50:50 ratio. Though MUDA has allotted sites to many land losers, the allotment of sites to CM Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi under the same rule, has come under the scanner. It started when MUDA found it difficult to acquire land to develop new layouts, and tabled a proposal at a MUDA meeting on September 14, 2020. It resolved to allot sites in 50:50 ratio and non-payment of compensation to landowners who had relinquished their land to develop MUDA layouts.

In November 2023, however, the government nullified this resolution, citing it as being in contravention of established

'SITE GRAFT' TIMELINE	MUDA ORDER
Sept 18, 1992: MUDA issues primary notification to acquire over 3.16 acres of land under Survey number 464 in Kesare village, to form Devanuru 3rd Stage Layout	According to the MUDA commissioner's order on December 30, 2021, 3.16 acres under Survey number 464 were acquired for Devanuru 3rd Stage Layout, and as per the 50:50 compensation order letter and circular (UDD 08 TTD 2014), land owner Parvathi is awarded over 38,284 sqft of land under 50% compensation scheme
May 18, 1998: Land denotified	
July 15, 2005: Landowner BM Mallikarjunaswamy, brother of CM Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi, gets approval to form layout; land is converted from agriculture purpose to residential purpose. He later gifts land to Parvathi	
2015: MUDA acquires land, CM's wife appeals, seeks alternative sites	
2017: MUDA agrees for compensation, holds meeting	
Dec 30, 2021: Issues order giving Parvathi alternative 38,284sqft land under 50:50 ratio scheme in Vijayanagar layout	

norms, and issued a directive that MUDA cannot make such decisions without a formal government order.

Based on a complaint by PS Nataraj, a Technical Committee constituted by the government found large-scale irregularities. The committee, led by Additional Director of Planning TV Murali, included executive engineer of Mysuru District Urban Development Cell Narasu Kalantre, Town Planning Officer of Shivamogga City Corporation B R Kallinath and Joint Director (Town and Rural Planning) MS Shanthanal.

There were allegations that MUDA officials were circumventing rules to allot hundreds of sites under 50:50 ratio to land losers. Instead of allotting sites in the acquired land, sites were

allotted in prestigious layouts, and many stray sites or bits of land were also allotted. This led to suspicions of large-scale irregularities running into several crores of rupees, with sites allotted in Vijayanagar, Dattagalli, JP Nagar and RT Nagar.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner KV Rajendra shot off a series of letters to MUDA Commissioner Dinesh Kumar, seeking a relook at the 50:50 ratio allotment that was struck down by the government. In February 2024, he wrote a letter seeking an explanation, and also wrote to the urban development secretary as the MUDA commissioner didn't respond. He asked the MUDA commissioner to stop registration, and declared issue of title deeds under 50:50 ratio as illegal. The commissioner did not give any

explanation for allocating vacant sites, bits of land, or stray sites to land losers.

MLA Srivatsa sent a letter alleging irregularities in MUDA, and claimed that those who lost land in 1970s were also allotted sites in developed areas. BJP MLC Vishwanath joined Srivatsa and alleged that CM's son Yathindra was involved in the scam. He implicated MUDA Commissioner Dinesh Kumar, MLA K Harish Gowda, former ZP member Rakesh Papanna, MUDA Chairman K Marigowda, former chairman Rajeev, former commissioner Natesh, Maritibegowda's relative Sudeep, and other officials.

The issue caught eyeballs after Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi was allotted 38,368 sqft in Vijayanagar Stage III for 3.16 acres acquired in Kesare. Many raised doubts whether the land was acquired by MUDA without bringing it to the notice of the land owner. Last Thursday, a three-member team led by IAS officer Venkatachalapathy questioned Dinesh and others over allegations that MUDA had allotted 3,000 sites to land losers under 50:50 ratio, allegedly bypassing regulations.

Following this, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh visited MUDA and issued an order transferring the commissioner and secretary, and ordered the engineers to return to their parent department. The inspection team directed staffers to retrieve all files related to site allocation, besides 140 documents with discrepancies to assess revenue loss.

K'taka assures Korean firms of full support

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INDUSTRIES Minister MB Patil and officials from Karnataka held discussions with Korean companies YG-1, Krafton Inc, Go Pizza, and HY Automotive Controls.

An investment worth 150 million Dollars was discussed during the meeting with YG-1 senior executives. YG-1, specialising in advanced cutting tools, operates a manufacturing facility in Tumakuru Machine Tool Park. According to a statement from Patil's office, officials from Karnataka highlighted the state's strong manufacturing ecosystem and also discussed opening a Korean language training centre.

Krafton plans to open a gaming station in Karnataka and hire more engineers from India. Since 2021, Krafton has invested 140 million Dollars in Indian startups in e-sports, multimedia entertainment, content creation, and audio platforms. Discussions included

Patil discussed Karnataka's FMCG ecosystem with Lim Jae-won, CEO of Go Pizza. Go Pizza targets over Rs 150 crore in sales by Q1 next year in India.

HY Automotive Controls discussed their India expansion plans and their search for approximately three acres of land near Bengaluru for their facility.

RSS too had supported Emergency: Hariprasad

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SENIOR Congress MLC BK Hariprasad on Wednesday defended the Emergency imposed by the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi claiming that the RSS, too, had backed her decision.

"Article 352 of the Constitution allows for the imposition of Emergency. It is clearly stated in the Constitution that emergency can be imposed when there is an external attack or internal disturbance in the country. Indira Gandhi imposed a state of Emergency in accordance with the Constitution to suppress the anti-national forces in the country and to deal with the situation in the country," Hariprasad told the media.

"Leaders of BJP's parent organisation, RSS, had announced their support to the Emergency. However, the BJP is going against the RSS (by condemning the Emergency). After the Emergency, the people of the country have elected the Congress in the elections of 1980, 1984, 1991, 2004, and 2009," he said.

Drawing parallel between the arrests of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and former Jharkhand CM Hemanth Soren, Hariprasad said that the Congress government had not arrested any CMs during the Emergency.

He took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for calling Rahul Gandhi as 'balak buddhi' saying that it is an insult to the children of the country. Hariprasad urged state BJP president BY Vijayendra to apologise to the victims of the POCSO case filed against his father and former CM BS Yediyurappa.



DKS meets public, HDK-Yogeshwar bond in Delhi

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POLITICAL heat has risen in Channapatna as it gears up for the Assembly by-election. Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar has been frequenting the constituency and holding public meetings to prepare the ground for the bypolls. On the other hand, Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel HD Kumaraswamy and BJP MLC CP Yogeshwar have held several rounds of talks in New Delhi.

Yogeshwar is a strong contender to fight the bypolls as the NDA candidate. According to informed sources, he is likely to contest on a JDS ticket.

Yogeshwar has also conveyed the message to Kumaraswamy that the former is ready to work if the latter fields his son, Nikhil Kumaraswamy, as the NDA candidate. "The discussion on the NDA candidate will be taken in a week when former CM BS Yediyurappa, state BJP chief BY Vijayendra, and Kumaraswamy will meet," a JDS insider said, adding that like



Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar receives petitions from people in Channapatna taluk on Wednesday | COURTESY: DK SHIVAKUMAR'S 'X' HANDLE

Shivakumar, Kumaraswamy, too, has chalked out a plan to organise public meetings soon to energise the JDS-BJP workers.

Shivakumar, on the other hand, is holding his official Jana Spandana meetings. On Wednesday, Shivakumar reiterated

that Kumaraswamy had not distributed sites to the beneficiaries. "A lot of things need to change in Channapatna with respect to the municipality, taluk office, and taluk hospital. There is no graveyard, and many people are without homes. I don't know why these

DKS vows to make Channapatna another B'uru

KPCC president and DyCM DK Shivakumar on Wednesday said that Channapatna will become the next Bengaluru under his leadership. He urged the people of Channapatna to vote for the Congress in the ensuing bypolls. "We are all from Bengaluru district. We were in Bengaluru and we are in Bengaluru. We don't have to lose the name... wait for a couple of days. You may check the textbooks on all our origins. Hosakote, Devanahalli, Magadi and Kanakapura all belong to Bengaluru," he told the gathering at the Jana Spandana programme in Channapatna. Asked about Kumaraswamy's promise that he would make Ramanagara and Channapatna twin cities, Shivakumar asked why the former did not fulfil his promises in the past.

things were not solved earlier, but I will ensure that these things are done quickly," he told the people.

Shivakumar said that he will take personal interest in sanctioning government lands to convert them into housing sites for beneficiaries and ensure that the special grants are released to construct the houses. "Let the election dates be announced, and then the candidate will come and file the nomination," he quipped, replying to a query as to who will be the Congress candidate.

Names of Anasuya, Kusuma doing the rounds

Even as Yogeshwar is considered a strong contender for the NDA ticket, the name of Anasuya, the wife of Bengaluru Rural MP Dr CN Manjunath, has been making the rounds in political circles. She is the daughter of former PM HD Deve Gowda and sister of Kumaraswamy.

In the Congress camp, the name of Kusuma Hanumantharayappa is being discussed. She had lost from Rajarajeshwari Nagar in the 2023 Assembly polls.

25 IPS officers transferred

In a major reshuffle, the State Government has transferred 25 IPS officers, including the commissioners of Hubballi-Dharwad and Mysuru

- **Labhu Ram:** IGP, Central Range, B'uru
- **BR Ravikanth Gowda:** IGP, Police Headquarters-1
- **Dr K Thiagarajan:** IGP, Internal Security Division
- **N Shashi Kumar:** Commissioner, Hubballi-Dharwad
- **B Ramesh:** Deputy IGP, Eastern Range, Davanagere
- **Seema Latkar:** Commissioner, Mysuru
- **Renuka K Sukumar:** Assistant IGP, Crime, Police Headquarters, Bengaluru
- **Chennabasavanna Langot:** Assistant IGP, Administration, Police HQ
- **CK Baba:** Superintendent of Police (SP), Bengaluru Rural district
- **N Vishnuvardhana:** SP, Mysuru
- **Dr Suman D Pennekar:** SP, BMTF
- **CB Rishyanth:** SP, Wireless, Bengaluru

- **M Narayana:** SP, Uttara Kannada
- **Sarah Fathima:** DCP, South East, Bengaluru
- **Arunangshu Giri:** SP, CID, Bengaluru
- **Nagesh DL:** DCP, City Armed Reserve Headquarters, Bengaluru
- **Padmini Sahoo:** DCP, Administration, Bengaluru
- **Pradeep Gunti:** SP, Bidar district
- **Yatish N:** SP, Dakshina Kannada district
- **Mallikarjuna Baldandi:** SP, Mandya district
- **Dr Shoba Rani VI:** SP, Ballari district
- **Dr Kavitha BT:** SP, Chamarajanagar district
- **Nikhil B:** SP, Kolar district
- **Kushal Chouksey:** SP, Chikkaballapur district
- **Mahaning Nandanagani:** DCP, Law and Order, Hubballi-Dharwad



MONSOON IN FULL GLORY

Kabini dam almost full, renews farmers' hopes

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WITH copious rains in the catchment area in neighbouring Kerala, the water level in the Kabini reservoir has increased and is now just 5 feet short of its full capacity. This has brought cheer to the farmers in Karnataka, who faced drought last year.

As of Wednesday, the water level stood at 2,279.54 feet, just shy of the full reservoir level of 2,284 feet. The dam is located in HD Kote taluk of Mysuru district. According to sources, the Kabini dam is expected to reach its full reservoir level by next week.

The monsoon has been active in Kerala and border areas of Karnataka, contributing to the steady increase in the water level in Kabini reservoir, renewing the hopes of thousands of farmers who solely depend on the dam to irrigate their crops.

The Kabini reservoir is a



critical water source for both irrigation and drinking water purposes in the region, and the current increase in water level is a positive indicator for overall water management.

With the reservoir nearing its full capacity, the dam authorities are also taking necessary precautions to manage the water inflow and outflow efficiently.

As of Wednesday, the inflow into the dam stood at 9,807 cusecs, while the outflow was 2,917 cusecs.

Heavy rain in Western Ghats ups inflows to TB reservoir

KIRAN BALANNAVAR @Hosapete

AFTER a heavy rainfall in the Western Ghats region of the state, the Tungbhadra dam in Hosapete town of Vijayanagara district has started receiving heavy inflows over the last one week. The water level at the dam two months ago was 3 tmcft and now it has risen to 8 tmcft with inflows of 10,503 cusecs over the last two days. At the same time last year, the dam had a storage of only 3 tmcft because of drought. Officials hope

that this year, the dam level could go up to 80 tmcft, as against its capacity of 100.855 tmcft. Tunga and Bhadra rivers originate in Chikkamagaluru district, and catchment areas of the rivers received a heavy rainfall two weeks ago. Shantaram K, a farmer leader from Hosapete, said 200

cusecs of water is being released into the canals. He requested officials of Vijayanagara, Koppal, Ballari and Raichur districts to release water for irrigation purposes, as paddy and chilli crops need water now.



KALLAKURICHI TRAGEDY

8-30% methanol in hooch; no need for CBI probe: TN to HC

R SIVAKUMAR @Chennai

THE Tamil Nadu government on Wednesday told the Madras High Court that preliminary tests of samples of illicit arrack, consumed by the victims of Kallakurichi hooch tragedy, showed that they had 8.6% to 29.7% methanol composition.

A status report, filed by Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena through Additional Advocate General J Ravindran before the first bench of Acting C J R Mahadevan and Justice Mohammed Shaffiq, also said that none of the well-settled circumstances under which the transfer of investigation to the CBI is ordered apply to the current hooch tragedy case.

The top officer said the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy is a separate incident and not a sequel to the Villupuram and Chengalpattu incidents of 2023 where the content of

methanol in illicit arrack was 99.1% and the source of methanol was also different. Several measures have been taken to check illegal supply of methanol for arrack, Meena said. "Industrial units using methanol are being checked diligently to prevent pilferage of methanol for use as arrack," he said.

Twenty-one individuals, six retail sellers, seven transporters and eight suppliers were arrested within six days of the tragedy. Three FIRs were registered and 132 witnesses were examined so far, he said.

The officer said, "I am advised to state that transfer of cases from the state investigation to a central investigation by the CBI acting under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act is not to be resorted to routinely but only to be used in rare cases where probe was found by the Constitutional courts to have failed."



BACK TO FOLD

In a major jolt to the beleaguered BRS, its secretary general and second-in-command K Keshava Rao returned to the Congress fold in New Delhi on Wednesday. AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge welcomed the Rajya Sabha member in the presence of Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy | EXPRESS

Hear cases against Jagan daily, TG HC tells CBI court

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Tuesday directed the Special Court for CBI cases, which is hearing the disproportionate assets case registered against former Andhra Pradesh chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, to conduct hearings on a daily basis. The high court observed that there was not much progress in the case proceedings for years now. A bench of Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice T Vinod Kumar was dealing with a PIL filed by former minister and Kapu patriarch Chegondi Venkata Hari Rama Jogaiah before the elections seeking directions to the CBI court to conclude the trial against Jagan before 2024 polls. Hari Rama Jogaiah informed the court that Jagan and the other accused in the cases registered by the CBI and ED filed 129 discharge petitions. In an earlier hearing, the court had directed the CBI and the courts concerned to conclude all the cases against Jagan expeditiously. The bench posted the matter for further hearing to July 23. ENS

Somanath: Gaganyaan module needs to be perfect, can't leave to chance

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

INDIA'S ambitious Gaganyaan Mission, which aims to demonstrate India's human spaceflight capability, has been in the works for a couple of years now.

On the sidelines of a programme to mark International Asteroid Day here on Wednesday, ISRO Chairman S Somanath said the G-I unmanned mission is getting ready for launch by the end of this year. The crew module is under preparation.

"This year, we have four-four experiments in the pipeline. We are looking at December to send the sub-module, keep it in orbit for a few days and bring it back to Earth," he said. Somanath also gave an update on the four select astronauts who will be part of the crew module. "They are under a rigorous programme at the capability centre. They are also helping us design the vehicle as they have gone under training. We are designers and it is important to take their feedback into consideration."

Speaking about Sunitha Williams and the Boeing Starliner malfunction, reportedly docked in space due to helium and thrust problems, Somanath said these are technical issues.



ISRO Chairman S Somanath addresses the gathering at a programme in Bengaluru on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

"When we launch the Gaganyaan Mission and send the crew module, we should make sure that there are no uncertainties. They (Boeing Starliner) had an option to go to the International Space Centre, dock there and stay there. If we encounter such a failure we might not have that option. We will need to perfect the Gaganyaan module to bring it back from space. The contingency module needs to be modulated. There are many takeaways from the Boeing-NASA mission," the chairman emphasised.

With NASA-ISRO's Synthetic Aperture Radar Mission scheduled to launch at the end of August or early September to help study and understand the Earth's natural processes, the head of the space agency said the Indian rocket is ready and there were some issues with the US cargo that has been taken back.

'We can prepare our defences against asteroids'

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"If a 2 km diameter hits the Earth, the entire planet could be destroyed," Somanath said.

"In future, we will be able to land on an asteroid and study the possibility of its impact on Earth, and prepare our defence. We want to start by collaborating with other countries and organisations that have already developed some skills in this," he said.

As a spacefaring nation with the capabilities to land on the Moon and place a satellite in the Lagrange Point of the Sun, India is now keen to contribute to studying asteroids, he said.

"There are lakhs of asteroids in space, mostly between Mars and Jupiter. Despite being small in size, they possess huge amounts of energy. According to studies, the entire mass of all asteroids is less than three per cent of the Moon's mass. Even that small mass travelling at huge velocities can create an impact," he said, emphasising that while they pose a threat, they also offer opportunities for scientific exploration.

750 Kerala 'tourists' to SE Asia missing, half might've joined crime syndicates

SHAN A S @T'Puram

A worryingly high number of Keralites, who travelled to five Southeast Asian countries between 2023 and 2024 have failed to return despite the expiry of their tourist visas, igniting apprehensions that many of them might have joined crime syndicates involved in cyber fraud.

Around 750 people from the state who went to Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam in the past one-and-a-half years, are yet to return, as per the data collected by the po-

lice. Highly-placed sources in the department told TNIE that they suspect half of them could have joined cyber crime syndicates in the five nations.

It was upon detecting a rise in instances of cyber fraud that targeted Keralites and originated from the five countries that the Kerala Police's cyber investigation wing and central agencies decided to prepare a database of people who went there on tourist visas but did not return. After collecting the statistics, the state police chief, in an order on July 1, asked all district police chiefs to

verify the current status of the missing people.

"It is possible that some of them might be living with their relatives after their visas expired, while some could have moved to other countries. Despite disavowing these, we suspect at least 50 percent of the missing persons could have joined criminal gangs. Hence, we have started verifying the whereabouts of each of them. Legal action will be taken against those found working with criminal gangs. Measures to repatriate them will be initiated," said a source.

Four bonded labourers rescued in Hassan dist

Hassan: Holenarasipur officials rescued four bonded labourers working in a bricks manufacturing unit in Godigubbi village on Wednesday. The tahsildar and police rescued Putail, his wife Urmila and their children Varshita and Raj. According to the police, the Putail family migrated from Odisha and had been working at the unit since three years. The owner of the unit had paid Rs 17,000 to the family and had allegedly failed to pay their wages regularly since then. The police have registered a case against the unit owner. ENS



The construction site where the land caved in Mangaluru on Wednesday

Labourer dies as earth caves in at work site

Mangaluru: A migrant labourer was killed, while another was rescued after earth caved in on them at a construction site at Balmatta in Mangaluru on Wednesday. Chandan Kumar (30) from Uttar Pradesh died, while Raj Kumar (18) from Bihar was rescued. The two labourers were working at the construction site of a commercial building belonging to a private builder when mud fell on them around 12.30 pm. Raj Kumar was rescued four hours after the incident occurred, and he came out safe. But Chandan could not be rescued and his body was pulled out after a seven-hour operation. ENS

Day after drowning of 5, 3 bodies fished out

Vijayapura: Fire and Emergency Personnel recovered three bodies from Krishna River on Wednesday after five persons reportedly drowned in it on Tuesday evening. It was earlier reported that six persons had drowned near Baluti jackwell in the district, however it was later confirmed that five men had drowned. "We have already recovered three bodies and are yet to recover two bodies. Efforts are underway, and hopefully we may find the bodies soon," Shankar Marihal, Additional Superintendent of Police told The New Indian Express. ENS

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder belonging to Sri.Munidasappa S/o Late Krishnappa, Aged about 74 years, residing at #442A, 1st cross, Weavers Colony, Gottigere Village, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru South - 560083. In case any member of the General Public has got any claim over the Schedule Property it is hereby called upon to approach the undersigned with all relevant documents within 10 days from the date of this notice.

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All that piece and parcel of the agricultural dry land property bearing Sy.No.154 measuring 8-00 Acres situated at S.M. Bingapura Village, Jagari Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on the East by: Private property Sy.No. 155 West by: Road North by: Remaining portion of Sy. No. 154 South by: Sy.No. 153

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

KPTCL invites bids from the eligible bidders through "KPP" portal to execute **01 No. of civil works**, under the jurisdiction of the Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (Maint), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru.

The detailed tender notification regarding details of work, general conditions of contract, NIT, Instructions to Tenderers (ITT), EMD, SD, etc., can be obtained by website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in or <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> on hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" on or after 05.07.2024. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec), Transmission (Maint.), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, Opp.R.R.Nagar Metro Station, Pantharapalya, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-560 039. Ph: 080-29620155

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development, Division, Shimoga.

Dated:27.06.2024 IFT No.: 02/2024-25

SECTION 1-INVITATION FOR TENDERS KW-4

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development Division, Shimoga invites tenders in Standard Bid Document K/W-4 through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from eligible contractors for Construction of Checkdam cum Bridge across halla flowing between Brahmanahalli and Koranahalli near Bettadahalli village Kasaba Hobli in Tarikere Taluk Chikka magalore District coming under Tarikere sub-division amounting to Rs.149.79 lakhs. Period of downloading tender documents from KPP portal:From 02.07.2024 to 09.07.2024 upto 17:00hrs. Tender opening date at 17:15 hrs on 10.07.2024. Any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the KPPP website @ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D. Division, Shimoga.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (for immovable properties)
(In terms of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest SARFAESI Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorised Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and there after in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI Act 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorised Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of the immovable properties mentioned hereunder on "AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS" basis.

Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues	a) Date & Time for inspection of the property b) bid submission last date c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
Borrowers: 1. Mrs. Pushpalatha Murali Rao W/o Mr. N Murali Rao, No.301, 3rd Floor, Kekada Residency, #386, 2nd D Cross, 2nd Stage, 7th Block, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072. 2. Mr. Murali Narayana Rao, No.301, 3rd Floor, Kekada Residency, #386, 2nd D Cross, 2nd Stage, 7th Block, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072.	a) 05.02.2024 b) 22.04.2024 c) Rs.28,40,172.33 plus interest and costs, charges etc.	a) 08.08.2024 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) AS per MSTC guideline. c) 09.08.2024 between 11.00 AM. to 05.00 PM.	a) Rs.58,52,000/- b) Rs.5,85,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-

Mortgagors: Ms.Pushpalatha Murali Rao and Mr.N Murali Rao

Description of Immovable Property - Schedule"A" Property - All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land property bearing Sy.No. 1/3, which measuring 13 guntas, situated at Gidadakonenahalli Village, Yeshwantapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, in vide: conversion Order dated 07/04/2005, in Conversion Order No.ALN(N)SR 362/2004-05, for residential use, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded on: East by: Remaining portion of land bearing Sy.No.1/3 & Sy.No.1/5, West by: BDA Road, North by: remaining portion of Sy.No.1/3, South by: BDA road.

Schedule"B" Property - Undivided Share 274.88 sqft undivided share, right,title and interest of the land in the total land of Schedule "A" property referred to above.

Schedule"C" Property - Flat bearing No.001 in ground floor measuring 1227 Sq.ft of super built up area, constructed over the above property containing 2 bed rooms, kitchen, dining, toilets, living room with one car parking bearing No.001 in the apartment known as "DS MAX SANTRUPTI NEST" together with an undivided share, right title and interest of land in the total land of the above referred property, along with water electricity together with common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas for common use with 274.88 Sq.Ft. undivided share, right, title and interest of the land in the total landed property referred above and bounded on: East by: Open to Sky, West by: Flat No.005, North by: Open to Sky, South by: Flat No.002.

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Details of Known encumbrances: Not Known

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- 2) The Properties are being sold on "As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" and "Whatever There is Basis"
- 3) The Particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officers, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or Omission in this proclamation.
- 4) The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website. <https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> on date 09.08.2024 between 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM.
- 5) It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self-bid and participate in the auction. 6) The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer.

Date: 29.06.2024, Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer, UCO Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
(See proviso to Rule 8(6))
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
1.	(A) Mrs. Gangulappa Rathnamma (Borrower) Mr. Sudhir S (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005539211	(C) All that part and parcel of an immovable residential Property bearing Duplex Flat No. S-3, (3BHK), on the Second Floor, in the multi-storied residential Apartment building known as "PUNAM PARJATHA", having 1599 Sq. Ft. Built up Area and Super Built Up Area of 1902 Sq. Ft. together with 471 Sq. Ft. undivided share, right, title and interest, along with one Covered Car parking space, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, Flush doors and Aluminium windows, along with electricity, water and sanitary connection, inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircases, lifts, garden space and other area of common use situated at Valagerehalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and Flat bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: Flat No. S-4, North by: Flat No.S-2, South by: Private Property	Rs. 73.35, 367.18/- (as on June 21, 2024)	Rs. 70.00, 000/- (as on June 21, 2024)	July 09, 2024 from 02:00 AM to 05:00 PM	July 26, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
2.	Mr. Kallal Das (Borrower) Mrs. Pampi Chetia (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005533438	A Three Bedroom apartment bearing No.TTP-B2-2B-1006 on the Tenth Floor in the 28 Block/Wing known as "THE TREE BY PROVIDENT" constructed on the Schedule 'A' property, having a Carpet Area of 819 Square Feet (which is exclusive of balconies and utility space)OR a plinth/built up area of 933.76 Square Feet (which is inclusive of balconies utility spaces walls of the apartment) and proportionate common area of 257.24 Square Feet together with an exclusive right to use one covered car parking facility to be allotted separately situated at Herohalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.	Rs. 75.23, 237.00/- (as on June 28, 2024)	Rs. 57.00, 000/- (as on June 28, 2024)	July 09, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	July 26, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
3.	Mr. Balisetty Viswanath (Borrower) Mrs. Gumminali Hemareddy (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005303407	All that piece and parcel of Schedule Property bearing Site No.72, Property No.106, situated at Munnekolalu, Ayappa Layout, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Previously Bangalore South Taluk, Comes under BBMP Limits, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 26.6 feet, North to South: 28.5 feet, total measuring 755 Sq. Feet and bounded on the East by: Site No.71, West by: Private Property, North by: 26 feet Road, South by: Private Property of bearing Property No.106.	Rs. 54.87, 721.72/- (as on June 29, 2024)	Rs. 41.00, 000/- (as on June 29, 2024)	July 15, 2024 from 02:00 AM to 05:00 PM	July 26, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on the website <https://disposalhub.com> of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagees/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by July 25, 2024 before 04:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068 on or before July 25, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before July 25, 2024 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068 on or before July 25, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Bangalore.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 9844542086/ 9808999536.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: July 04, 2024 Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our client intends to enter into definitive documents with respect to the immovable property bearing Municipal No. 871, having PID No. 67-8-871, measuring East to West (40.50 + 39.45)/2 metres and North to South 24.40 metres, in all measuring 975.39 metres, situated at 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore, along with a building measuring 2000 square feet of built up area constructed thereon, presently coming within the jurisdictional limits of the Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder ("Schedule Property"), from its present owner viz., Mrs. J.C. Uma Reddy.

Any person(s)/party(ies) having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner or objecting to such transaction may, write to the undersigned with requisite documentary evidence within seven (07) days from the issuance of this public notice, failing which, our Client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived and thereafter, no claims / objections / disputes will be entertained.

Any person(s)/party(ies) dealing directly or indirectly with regard to any of the properties or parts thereof listed in the Schedule below or in any other manner shall be doing so at his / her their own cost, risk and consequences and our Client shall not be responsible for any such acts.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BDA Site No. 871, assigned with PID No. 67-8-871 measuring East to West (40.50 + 39.45)/2 metres and North to South 24.40 metres, in all measuring 975.39 metres, situated at 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore, along with a building measuring 2000 square feet constructed thereon comprising of RCC roofing, Mosaic Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and windows building presently coming within the jurisdictional limits of the Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 67- Koramangala and bounded as follows:

East by : Road;
West by : Storm Water Drain;
North by : Site No.870; and
South by : BDA Property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 04/07/2024

Sd/-
Prasanna Swaminathan, Advocate,
109, Level -1, Prestige Centre Point,
Cunningham Road, Bangalore – 560051.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my client propose to purchase the Schedule Property from the owners (1) Mrs.Prema Lokanath, W/o. Late S.Lokanath, Aadhar No. 2585 2842 8000, (2) Mr.H.S.Achutha Rao, S/o. Late H.Sheshagiri Rao, Aadhar No. 2307 0944 2577, (3) Mr.Vikram, S/o.Mr.H.S. Achutha Rao, Aadhar No. 8820 5823 6964, (4) Mrs.Prathima Narayana, D/o. Mr.H.S.Achutha Rao, Aadhar No. 4214 4901 6945, (5) Miss.Triveni T.A., D/o. Late T.R.Anand Murthy, Aadhar No. 3571 5915 9632, represented by her Sister Mrs.Kusuma T.A., W/o. Mr.W.R.Sukumar as Court Guardian and (6) Mrs.Kusuma T.A., W/o. Mr.W.R.Sukumar, Aadhar No. 5860 6334 4585, all residents of Bangalore.

The Owners have represented that the Original Allotment Letter and Possession Certificate issued by the City Improvement Trust Board, presently known as Bangalore Development Authority, in respect of the Schedule Property has been lost/misplaced and a Complaint has been registered regarding the lost documents vide Report No.07/56560/2023, dated 30.10.2023 with the Police.

Any person/s having any claims or objections in respect of the Schedule Property for the proposed transaction, may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof duly attested with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the transaction and claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Corporation No.50, PID No.22-108-50, comprising of Ground, Second Floor and property bearing Corporation No.50/1, PID No.22-108-50/1, First Floor, situated at 13th Main Road, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, Ward No.107, Shivanagar Sub Division, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, together with the building thereon with civil amenities and the building constructed on site measuring:-

East to West : 60 Feet
North to South : 39 Feet
Total Area : 2,340 Square Feet
and bounded as follows :
East by : Property No.745
West by : 13th Main Road
North by : Property No.747
South by : Property No.749

Mr. N.JAIPIRAKASH RAO
Mrs.VENJA RAO
Mr.N.ASHOK KUMAR
JAYPEE ASSOCIATES
"LAW FIRM" No.38, "KRISHNA" 1st Cross,
Malleswaram BANGALORE - 560 003.
Phone No: 080-23560365, 23468742
E-mail: contact.jaypee1234@gmail.com
Bangalore Date : 03.07.2024

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IN THE TECHNOLOGY
INDUSTRY IS
CHANGE) MITCHELL KAPOR

CENTRAL RED CROSS BLOOD CENTRE
CUTTACK- 753007, Odisha,
E-mail: crccb.ctc@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
FOR SUPPLY OF CONSUMABLES
(Blood collection bag, Anti sera etc.)

Bid Reference No.BC/SS/009/22/248 Date: 02.07.2024

Sealed tenders are invited from eligible bidders for supply of CONSUMABLES (Blood collection bag, Anti sera etc.). The Last date of bid submission is dt.30.07.2024 (11.00A.M.) The bid document is available in the office of the Director, Central Red Cross Blood Centre. Near BOSE, Cuttack on payment of Rs.5,000/- (per category) payable in shape of cash or Demand Draft drawn on any nationalised bank in favour of "Central Red Cross Blood Bank, Cuttack", payable at Cuttack (non-refundable). The details of the bid is available in the website www.crcbloodcentrectc.org

Sd/- Director
CRCBC, Cuttack

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE
APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person Smt. Tulsi @ Shipila W/o late. Sh. Irappa R/o Kotha No. 57, 1st Floor, GB Road, Delhi, Permanent Address: Village Bommanahalli, Bangalore has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 45/2013 U/S 344/366A/372/373/376/109/34 IPC, 4/5/6 ITP Act, 4/6/10/17 POSCO Act PS Crime Branch and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person Smt. Tulsi @ Shipila cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Smt. Tulsi @ Shipila, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the Smt. Tulsi @ Shipila FIR No. 45/2013 U/S 344/366A/372/373/376/109/34 IPC, 4/5/6 ITP Act, 4/6/10/17 POSCO Act PS Crime Branch is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 08.08.2024.

By order
Shri. Balwinder Singh
ASJ, FTSC POSCO-01 (Central)
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
DP/8510/CRIME/2024

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER
GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
VIDYUTH SOUDHA : VIJAYAWADA

Tender Notice No. 610001631

APGENCO invites open tender for Procurement of CI pipes required for Fly Ash Handling System of Dr.NTPS, through APGENCO e-Procurement.

Schedule available Date & time : From 18.00 Hrs on 02.07.2024 onwards
Bid Submission closing date & time : At 13.00 Hrs on 09.07.2024.

For further details visit website, viz. www.apgenco.gov.in or
<https://etender.apgenco.gov.in/trj/portal>

DIPR No.3061PP/CL/ADVT/11/1/2021-22, Dt: 03/07/2024

Govt of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2024-25/1082

Date: 02.07.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Invites tender for the (09) Works under KKRDB for indent No (Gen 08) 11200. 11045. 10985. 10990. 10991, 10992. 10878. 11250. (1. Work res of SC Catagorry. 11002), 2) Estimate cost: Min Rs. 20.00 Lakhs Max Rs. 150.00 Lakhs, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class IV, III,II, I. & above, 4) EMD Amount: Min Rs. 42500.00, Max Rs. 200000.00, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting : 06.07.2024 (11.00 Hrs), 6) Last date for queries : 09.07.2024 (17.30 Hrs), 7) Last date for Submission of Bid: 10.07.2024 (16.00 Hrs), 9) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : 11.07.2024 (16.30 Hrs), 10) Date of opening of Financial Bid (for Two Cover) : 12.07.2024 (11.30 Hrs), 11) Enquiries : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 12) Note: GST Note Be Paid Separately, 13) Website: WWW.e-proc.Karnatak.gov.in, 14) Bidders Should Note That: Note: 1) Undersigned reserves the right to Cancel / Postpone/ Reject any or all the tenders at any point of time during tender process without assigning any reason. 2) Changes in the tender process will not be Published in the News Papers Bidders may get Details of Changes In KPPP Portal Only."

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/155/KSMC&A/2024-25

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Government of Karnataka)

Office of the Superintending Engineer (Ele), O&M Circle, GESCOM, Kalaburagi
Vidyuth Bhavan. Atal Bihari Vajpayee layout, Jewargi Road, Kalaburagi 585102.
Email: seonmrcrl@gmail.com Tel.No :08472-295302

No: GESCOM/SEE(O&M)/KLB/EEE(O)/AEE-1/2024-25/2425 dtd: 01-07-2024

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

1) Description of work: Bids are invited in two cover system through KPPP Portal for 1)11KV Link Line from F1 Bingoli IP feeder from 110/11KV Karajagi MUSS to Mashal village in Karjagi Section in Afzalpur Sub-Division, 2) 11KV Link Line of load divided from F10 Gour IP feeder from 110/11KV Karajagi MUS to Nandarga IP Set DTC in Karjagi Section in Afzalpur Sub-Division, 3) A/P/S to LT-3 10 KW load to Divisional Electrical Engineer Guntakal South Central Railway at Kamarwadi village in Sulhali Halli Station Wadi Rural Section of Shahabad Sub-Division in O&M Circle, GESCOM, Kalaburagi, 2) Amount put to tender (in Rs.): Rs. 1,14,46,832.00 (Tender No: 307, 308 & 309), 3) Contractor Qualifying requirement: As per IFB/ITB, 4) Bid documents available on or After: 04.07.2024, 5) Last date for tender Queries / Clarifications : 09.07.2024 Upto 3:00 pm, 6) Last Date & time for receipt of Bids through Electronic Mode only: 19.07.2024 Evening 5:30 Pm, 7) Date & time of opening of Electronic Bid Sheets (Technical Bid): 22.07.2024 Morning 11:00 Am, 8) Date & time of opening of Electronic Bid Sheets (Price Bid): After completion of technical evaluation. 9) Additional Information can be discussed with: Superintending Engineer Ele., O&M Circle, GESCOM, Kalaburagi Mob: 94483 59008. 10) Web Site Address: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The details will be available in website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 04.07.2024.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
O&M Circle, GESCOM, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/159/KSMC&A/2024-25

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore Ph: 080-25588642, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

ARM-1 Branch,
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph: 080-25588642, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 24.07.2024 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of Rs. 7,06,15,298.31 with further interest and cost thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from 1. M/s Mahabaleshwara Enterprises, 2. Mr. Mahabaleshwar Bhat, No. 71/2, 1st Floor, 1st cross, 8th Main, MSR Road, Mathikere, Bangalore – 560054, 3. Mr. Vinayaka hebbur, No.158/16, 1st Floor, 14th Cross, Kanshiram Nagar, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore- 560097, 4. Mr. Sathyannarayana Rao, No.13, Raghavendra Badavane, Sorab, Shimoga district-577429, 5. Mrs. S. Saraswathi, No.35, Anugraha, 7th Cross, Krishnappa Block Ganganagar, Bangalore North- 560032, 6. Mr. M. Krishnamurthy, No. 2765, Sridhama, E Block, Near Swathi Gardenia, Kodigehalli and Byatarayanapura Village, Hebbal, Bangalore North- 560092. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 23.07.2024 at 5.00 pm by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch or through online payment to Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366) is as under.

Lot No	Description of the immovable/movable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
1	Residential site situated at no. 18, BBMP khata no. 894, PID no. 894, Khata no. 894-578/18 of BBMP formed in Sy. No. 29/2, Ward no. 12 Abbigere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. measuring east to west (48+30)/2 feet and north to south (35+22)/2 feet total 1111.50 sqft. bounded on: EAST- site no. 19, WEST-Road, NORTH-Road, SOUTH-private property.	46.80	4.68	₹ 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9627872626 and 7483935007 during office hours on any working day.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

To NIT No. IND/W-623/1 Dated 01.07.2024. In connection with the above subject, the following changes have been made in NIT & tender documents :

Description	Already printed in NIT & tender document	Now to be Read
Date & time of submission of tender	upto 15.00 Hours on 16.07.2024	upto 15.00 Hours on 31.07.2024
Date of opening of tender	16.07.2024 at 15.30 Hrs.	31.07.2024 at 15.30 Hrs.

The other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION AT CHENNAI
F.A.No: 296 OF 2024
Against C.C.No: 94 of 2022
(On the file of District Consumer disputes Redressal Commission, Kanchepuram District at Chengalpattu)
To:
Mrs. Archana Vinoli, Branch Head
Mrs. Zenbi - Anesha Building, 2nd Cross Road, 4th Main Link Road, Madiwala Extension, Madiwala, 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560068.
Sir,
Sub : The Hon'ble State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chennai
F.A. No.296 OF2024 against C.C. No.94 OF 2022 – Mr. Rajesh Gupta - Appellant –Vs- Mohanraj Ravi Shankar & 6 others - Respondents
In the above Appeal preferred by the 7th Opposite Party against the Complaint C.C. No.94 OF 2022 in which the Orders are passed on 11/10/2023 challenging which the Appellant had preferred the above Appeal which came up for hearing on 24-06-2024 on which date, the Hon'ble Appellate Forum was pleased to Order Notice through Paper Publication to you returnable by 22/07/2024.
Please take notice in the above subject mentioned Appeal and enter your appearance either in person or through an Advocate on or before 22/07/2024 at 10.30 am or as and when the case is taken up for hearing failing which the Hon'ble Forum would proceed with the case by setting you Exparte.
For M/s. SWARA ASSOCIATES
M.PRAJENDRAN, Advocate, Counsel for Appellant.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: Hiring_Helper18
No_Tech 9 No, Dated: 28-06-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the work	Approx. value
Hiring of technicians and helpers for assistance in quad cable maintenance and various telecom maintenance activities over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 203.51,256/-

Last date of submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs on 20-07-2024
For details log on: www.irops.gov.in
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Bengaluru
PUB/225/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
f South Western Railway -SWR | SWRRly | SWRRly

HDFC BANK

Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch Office : #51, HDFC Ltd., HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel: 080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

NOTICE FOR REMOVAL OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS/HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Name of Borrower (s) / Legal heir (s) / Legal Representative(s)	Date of Demand Notice(s)	Date of Possession	Description of Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies)
Mr. Sampath Raju (Borrower) Mrs. Chaya S N (Co-Borrower-1) and Mr. Puneeth Raj S (Co-Borrower-2)	02.11.2022	27.06.2024	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing municipal New No.226, situated 4th main Road, 3rd Phase, J. P. Nagar, Bangalore. (formerly BDA Site No.226, situated in Sarakki III Phase Extension, Bangalore), presently comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, bearing PID No.57-141-226, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever underneath or above the surface with all the constructions thereon and bounded on the : East By : Site No.267, West By : Road, North By: Site No.227, South By : Road. Measuring: East to West: 12.20 Meters, North to South : (9.2 + 9.60)/2 Meters, in all measuring : 114.68 Square Meters.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC).

This Public Notice is issued in view of the fact that HDFC has not been able to communicate / establish contact with the aforesaid Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) at his / her / their last known address as per HDFC's records.

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) has issued Demand Notice (s) to the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) on the dates mentioned above.

On the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) failure to comply with the said Demand Notice (s) within the period set out therein, the Authorized Officer of HDFC has taken over possession of the immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s) more particularly described in the said Demand Notice (s), under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on the dates mentioned above.

At the time of taking over possession of the said immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s), the Authorised Officer of HDFC has drawn up an inventory of personal belongings and household goods lying therein, copy whereof can be collected from the undersigned on any working day during office hours.

In the circumstances, Notice is hereby given, to the said Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to forthwith remove the personal belongings / household goods lying in the aforesaid immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) within 10 (ten) days from the date hereof, failing which the Authorised Officer will have no other option but to remove the personal belongings/household goods and dispose off /deal with it in the manner as may be deemed fit, entirely at the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) risk as to cost and consequences, in which event, no claim will be entertained in this regard in future.

Date: 04.07.2024

Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer

HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

LIC HFL
LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/s, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are here by /cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
Mr. Vignesh S Loan Account No 411600003957 Symbolic Possession taken date : 02/06/2024	21/11/2022	Rs. 3,29,56,126.00 (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Six only)	SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : All that the piece and parcel of the property bearing New Municipal No. 7, Old No. 190/7, situated at 19th C Main Road, 1st N Block, Rajajinagara, Bangalore – 560010, PID No..14-17-7, NEW BBMP Ward No.7, measuring East to West 9.40 meters and South to North 15.31 + 15.10 / 2 meters and building of Ground, first and Second Floors and Bounded on :- North by:Property No. 190/B South by:1property No. 190/A East by :Road West by : Property No. 219 and 191
Mr. Vignesh S Loan Account No. 411600004021 Symbolic Possession taken date : 02/06/2024	09/11/2022	Rs. 3,19,48,949.00 (Rupees Three Crore Nineteen Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Nine only)	SCHEDULE – A (Description of Entire property on which apartment is constructed) Residential immovable property earlier bearing Municipal No.4, 31 & 31/1 (Old No.132/1) later amalgamated and numbered as 4, PID No.27-74-4, situated 1st Cross, 1st Main, Nehru Nagar, Seshadripuram, Bangalore totally measuring 4352 Square feet and entire plot bounded on the East by :1st Cross Road West by :Property bearing No.141North by :Property bearing No.132 (New No 32) South by : 1st Main Road SCHEDULE – B (Description of property being conveyed to the purchaser) Residential Flat Number 006 on FIRST FLOOR in the apartment known as "SIDDHA ENCLAVE" constructed on Schedule A property bearing bifurcated Municipal No.4/5, PID No.27-74-4/5 provided with Vitrified titles, RCCC roofing with a Super built up area of 1350 Square feet along with one covered car parking in the basement together with 544 Square feet of Un-Divided share in the site of the schedule A property with right of usage of common areas like lobbies, lifts, passages along with other occupants of the flats.

Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited



THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY,
(UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)

3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to attachment of Immovable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court the Special Officer & Competent Authority (under KPIDFE-IMA and other Scam), is issuing notice for e-auction of the immovable property through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.

The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (as mentioned against each auction in the e-portal provided by the Service Provider/Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only).

Short Description of the Immovable Property

Properties are free of all encumbrances and are in the name of Competent Authority appointed by Government and confirmed by the Special Court under KPIDFE Act, 2004.					
Sl. No.	DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No.1350/2023)	Minimum Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)	Clear Title
1.	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Gram Panchayat Khata No.13, having Gram Panchayat house list No. 13 and serial No. 13 situated at Rudra Patnavillage, Ramanathapura hobli, Arakalgud Taluk, Hassan District measuring E-W: 30ft & N-S: 46 in all measuring 1380 Sq. bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Site No. 18, North by: Site No.62A, South by: 30 feet Road, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/XBBmFKiJHTEyk6JV7 , Latitude and Longitude: 12°35'45.4"N 76°07'12.8"E	4,48,718/-	45,000/-	5000/-	RTC stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority

Date of Pre-bid meeting & time and Place	Date of Inspection & time	Last Date of Submission of Bids & EMD submission	Date & Time of E Auction
5th August 2024, 3 pm to 4 pm Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01	6th August 2024, 11 am to 5 pm	7th August 2024, until 5pm	8th August 2024, 11 am to 1 pm

For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Joint Secretary, Office of the Special Officer

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— Ramnath Goenka

CHANDRU PANEL'S ADVICE A BEGINNING, POLITICIANS SHOULD WALK THEIR TALK

IN August 2023, a Dalit boy and his sister in Tirunelveli district's Nanguneri were grievously attacked at their home by the boy's classmates, who belong to a dominant caste community. The incident brought to the limelight the prevalence of casteist sentiments even among children. The Tamil Nadu government set up a one-man committee to examine the issue and suggest ways to prevent caste bias and discrimination among the state's school and college students. The Nanguneri incident was only the tip of the iceberg. Casteism in government schools runs deep, as evidenced by a survey conducted by an NGO that found Dalit children being made to clean bathrooms in some schools, separate caste-based queues for noon meals, and discrimination in classroom seating arrangements.

The Justice K Chandru committee recently submitted its report to the government. Among the urgent recommendations it made is the need to do away with caste appellations in schools and colleges, both government and privately-run. This echoes the move in the 1990s to remove the names of caste leaders from public transport corporations following caste riots. The report also says the wearing of caste-linked wristbands, tilaks and rings should be banned, caste identities of students must be kept confidential, and headmasters and teachers should be periodically transferred. It notes that teachers and principals in government schools play a serious role in inculcating or reinforcing caste sentiments among students, and suggests that guidelines be framed to avoid posting senior staff belonging to an area's dominant community in schools there. The report rightly recommends that adequate orientation be given to teachers during their training and the training syllabus be appropriately overhauled. However, the recommendation that noon meals be centralised at the block level flies at the thinking behind the scheme—that the food be made locally, under the eyes of the community, and served hot.

In a state that touts social justice politics, it is an open secret how deeply enmeshed in caste the society actually is. Unfortunately, caste-based political parties are openly courted by major parties, which themselves are hardly as inclusive of oppressed communities as they claim to be. Justice Chandru's recommendations, if implemented, can only mitigate some of the casteist messaging youngsters are bombarded by. For large-scale change to occur, politicians must start walking their talk.

THE WORLD AWAITS DATA FROM ADITYA-L1

THE Indian Space Research Organisation's first Sun-observing mission, Aditya-L1, completed its first halo orbit around Lagrange Point-1 (L-1) on Tuesday, 178 days after being inserted into orbit. This is a significant indicator of the continued success of Aditya-L1's intended five-year mission and more. The mission's key objectives are to better understand coronal heating, coronal mass ejections, solar wind acceleration and distribution, solar flares and near-Earth space weather, dynamics of solar atmosphere, and temperature magnitude variations. All these are crucial as studies for the protection of near-Earth systems—like satellites and space stations—as well as terrestrial-based ones—like power grids—that can get adversely affected when massive solar flares hit Earth.

The completion of the first orbit is important. This orbital plane is perpendicular to the Sun-Earth axis. But the L1 point is known to be unstable due to various forces acting on it, including gravitational forces of Earth and the Sun. The same forces also cause satellite orbits around it to be unstable. The Aditya-L1 satellite's orbital trajectory around L1 had to be controlled to enable it to maintain its halo orbit, needing three thruster firings—on February 22, June 7 and July 2—failing which it could have gone astray, prematurely compromising the mission.

The elliptical halo orbit ensures that the satellite remains around L1, which is a point in the direction of the Sun about 1.5 million kilometres from Earth—just a hundredth of the Earth-Sun distance—where the gravitational forces of the Sun and Earth balance out each other. This point is considered ideal for satellites to observe solar activities, and the halo orbit ensures its position at L1, offering unrestricted solar observations with minimal fuel consumption. This could also decide whether or not the ₹460-crore mission will extend beyond its intended five years after 2029.

In the time to come, Indian space scientists are expecting crucial solar data from seven payloads aboard the Aditya-L1. They are aware about the importance of the data coming in. With the number of manned and unmanned space missions increasing, and more countries lifting off into space, Aditya-L1's data would be keenly awaited—not just in India, but all over the world.

QUICK TAKE

CLARITY ON ASIAN CRIME HUBS

ALMOST every month this year, we have learnt that Indians 'trapped' in cybercrime farms in Southeast Asia have been brought back. The latest was the Kerala police's admission that, in all, 120 people from the state have been repatriated from Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia over 18 months. In May, the Indian embassy in Laos said it had "rescued" 428 Indians. Many of those brought back have reported inhuman working conditions including physical abuse and overlong hours. The foreign ministry has advised thorough background checks on prospective employers. We deserve a clear view of the number of Indians still trapped and the efforts being made to bring them back.

THE nation is settling to the reality of a new political equation in New Delhi in which the ruling BJP, though still the single largest party, is significantly short of the majority mark in the Lok Sabha. For many, this denouement was a shock. For many others, it came as a welcome catharsis. Neither had expected the result, especially with exit pollsters making it seem like a foregone conclusion that a landslide victory awaited the ruling party, bettering its past records.

If election predictions can go wrong, so can results analyses. It will hence be prudent not to forget that the political battle cries and passions were very different in each state. This is expected in a vast country with multifarious regional political landscapes. The electoral battle at the Centre, fought on the grand theme of what India's way forward should be, was in this way an aggregate of myriad smaller local battles in states fought on local issues.

This dichotomy is often sought to be sublimated thus: in the case of national parties, they become national parties with local outlooks, and regional parties become ones with a national outlook. With no single party as a clear winner, this collage of regional political aspirations is becoming even more relevant in the current Lok Sabha.

Even within the subregion of the Northeast, the stakes fought for in each constituent state were for most part very different. Hence, the BJP or the Congress winning or losing in Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, etc cannot be attributed to any single agenda or manifesto. As on the larger canvas of Indian federalism, here too is a case of a hundred flowers blossoming together, although often this harmony in diversity has seen dangerous frictions.

In Assam, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh, the BJP retained their dominance. In Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya, the party's presence was never more than that of a piggyback rider on ruling regional parties. Interestingly, in these latter states too, the parties BJP allied with fell.

More often than not, victory can be for reasons other than normally presumed. For instance, the rise of BJP in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh cannot be attributed to the same reason. In the former, it is more about the BJP cashing on the Assamese inherent fear of migrants from neighbouring Bangladesh overwhelming them. In the latter, it is more of a measured transactional move prompted

BJP's poll performance in Assam & Arunachal Pradesh cannot be attributed to the same reason. Similarly, Congress victories in Nagaland & Manipur were driven by different passions

THE NORTHEAST: WHERE DISPARATE HOPES COLLIDED

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by a widely shared psychology among small and weak Northeast states wishing to be on the right side of the party in power at the Centre. Similarly, the Congress victories in Nagaland and Manipur were driven by very different passions.

More than in any other Northeast state, the Manipur results this time are a stark reminder that voters can cast their votes for the same political party but in the hope of diametrically opposite rewards. The state has been engulfed in a violent and tragic ethnic conflict between two of its major communities, Meiteis and Kuki-Zo tribes. The official toll so far is pegged at 225 dead, many homes destroyed and 60,000 displaced.

In what can only be described as the height of irony, both the warring groups

voted overwhelmingly for the Congress this time in both of the state's parliamentary constituencies—Manipur Inner and Manipur Outer. It is true both shared a disenchantment for the ruling BJP, both in the state and at the Centre, for allowing the state's crisis to drag on for more than a year without any meaningful intervention. However, the interesting thing is, while the Kuki-Zo's voted for the Congress with the hope the party would facilitate getting their demand for a separate administration, the Meiteis voted for the same party, hoping for just the opposite so that Manipur's territorial integrity remained intact.

It would not be an exaggeration to say if it was not for the current crisis in the state, it probably would have been ex-

CHALLENGES IN MAKING INDIAN FINANCE CLIMATE-RESILIENT

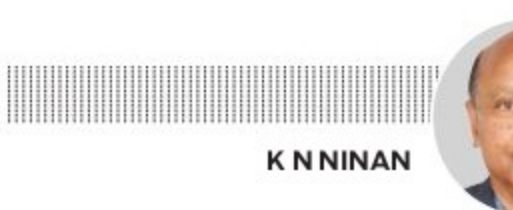
ALL parts of the economy, including the financial sector, are vulnerable to climate risks. A UN report says direct economic losses due to disasters increased from around \$895-1,313 billion (at 2017 dollar values) in 1978-1997 to almost \$3 trillion during 1998-2017. About 90 percent of total losses from all disasters are climate related. Munich RE, a German reinsurance agency that compiles global disaster statistics, estimated global losses due to disasters in 2023 at around \$250 billion, of which only 38 percent was insured.

Recognising the vulnerability of the global financial system to the risks posed by climate change, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) of the Switzerland-based Bank for International Settlements (BIS), of which the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is an institutional member, released a document in March 2024 emphasising the need for a holistic approach to address climate-related financial risks.

Recognising the importance of securing India's financial sector from climate risks, the RBI circulated a 'Draft Disclosure Framework on Climate-related Financial Risks, 2024' for implementation by regulated entities (REs) in India that includes all scheduled commercial banks excluding local area banks, payment banks and regional rural banks, all Tier-IV primary urban co-operative banks, all India financial institutions such as Exim Bank, NABARD, and all top non-banking financial companies.

Climate-related financial risks include those that may arise from climate change or efforts to mitigate climate change, their related impacts and financial consequences. The REs mentioned above are expected to build capacity to manage climate-related risks and benefit from climate-related opportunities, including responding and adapting to physical and transition risks.

The BCBS and RBI documents list various types of climate-related financial risks, including physical risks that are economic and financial losses due to disasters caused by extreme weather events such as floods, drought, extreme temperatures, adaptation to climate change, and indirect costs such as loss of ecosystem services. Transition risk refers to costs arising from shifting to a low carbon economy such as phasing out fossil fuels and shifting to renewables, availability of efficient new technologies, and change in consumer preferences and behaviour such as shifting to sustainable diets. An RBI discussion paper, 'Climate



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Risks and Sustainable Finance', states that a disclosure should address credit, market, liquidity and operational risks.

The document sets out four pillars for disclosure covering governance, strategy, risk management, and targets and metrics. It assigns a major responsibility to governing bodies of REs who are required to identify, assess, manage, mitigate, monitor and oversee climate-related financial risks and opportunities in the near and long term.



In line with recommendations from the Bank for International Settlements, the RBI circulated a draft disclosure framework on climate-related financial risks. The banking sector's response was mixed. The approach to some risks and measurement metrics need to be discussed and decided

They also need to identify and spell out their strategy to address climate-related financial risks and risk management policies. Further, they should fix targets and reveal the metrics or indicators to assess the progress in achieving these targets.

The RBI's draft disclosure framework elicited mixed responses from banking and financial circles. While its attempts to make India's financial sector climate-resilient is laudable, there are a few concerns. Do boards and senior management of banks and other institutions have the requisite skills and expertise to assess climate risks and strategies to manage them? For this, they need experts with skills in scenario planning and modelling of plausible climate futures and risks, and knowledge

about climate science and economics.

REs are required to make the disclosure along with their annual reports at the end of the financial year. However, industry bodies such as the Asian Security Industry and Financial Markets Association have expressed reservations, as it places undue burden on bank managements at a time when they are busy preparing annual reports; they suggested a different timeline for disclosure. The framework treats climate-related risks as a standalone risk, rather than as a driver of traditional risk types as per global and BCBS standards.

The RBI proposal gives the discretion to banks and other REs to determine the targets and metrics to assess the progress towards making them climate-resilient. It advises them to refer to global resources such as the UN Environment Programme's Finance Initiative, Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero to fix the targets and metrics. As the central bank, the RBI could have played a major role by consulting stakeholders and identifying measurable indicators to be used by the REs to assess progress in their climate risk disclosure. This would enable a common framework and metrics to assess the progress in making India's financial sector climate-resilient. The RBI could provide a ready reckoner to banks to estimate greenhouse gas emissions by activities or assets.

Under metrics and targets, RBI proposal lists some requirements too difficult to measure—such as whether and how climate-related considerations are factored into remuneration of whole-time directors and CEOs. Can the RBI tell us what proportion of its governor's remuneration is climate-related? It refers to climate-related issues in the draft but does not define this. Does the framework meet objectives of corporate disclosure or prudential disclosure?

The RBI's framework needs a relook. The central bank needs to provide a detailed set of measurable indicators to enable the REs to have a common yardstick to assess progress towards making India's financial sector climate-resilient.

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Assessing merit

Ref: Karnataka Cong needs to unite before bypolls (Jul 3). While the suggestions to the grand old party are welcome, the same courtesy does not seem to be extended to the BJP whenever they are in trouble. One wonders why. It is time the BJP too is assessed on merits, instead of being put on the mat at every available opportunity.

S Arunachalam, Chennai

Keeping separate

It is quite right to advise religious leaders to confine themselves to religious matters and not interfere in political affairs. In many states, political decisions in voting seem to be taken by many people in places of worship under the guidance of their religious leaders.

NR Sathyamoorthy, email

Bridging gaps

Ref: Why bridges keep falling across India (Jul 3). We were flabbergasted to learn that five bridges fell down in just 10 days in Bihar. Bridges and buildings constructed in the age of kings still seem to stand as construction marvels. This should have served as an inspiration to our governments who think that upon giving tenders to private contractors, their duty is over.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Sufficient precautions

Ref: 117 devotees die in UP stampede (Jul 3). The gruesome incident in which 117 people died and many were injured is horrific. It is necessary to find out the reason for this stampede as it is the normal practice of devotees to disperse peacefully once the prayer is concluded. The management should have taken sufficient precautions at the start of the congregation.

V Venkatasubramanian, Coimbatore

Investigate godman

It is impossible to digest that the stampede in Hathras killed and injured so many people. They gathered to attend a satsang addressed by some self-styled godman called Bhole Baba. The stampede took place when people ran to collect dust from the godman's car tyre trail while he was leaving the venue. The godman should be investigated as he was directly responsible for such a huge loss.

B S Badarinarayana, Bengaluru

Criminal act

India has become a haven for self-styled godmen. Their followers come from all walks of life. The rich as well as poor become easy victims. The criminal activities of these godmen seldom come to light. So many people lost their lives because of the so-called godman Bhole Baba in Hathras.

P P Sahadevan, Nileshtar

Cong snubs PM's Manipur remarks

Says situation in Northeast state still tense, contrary to Modi's claim

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Wednesday stepped up its attack on the government on the Manipur issue after Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a statement in Rajya Sabha that violence has been on a decline in the state and the Centre is committed to bringing normalcy.

Questioning PM's claims, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the situation is still tense in the north-eastern state and Modi hasn't visited the state since violence erupted last year.

"Today in Rajya Sabha, after months of absolute silence on the issue, the non-biological PM made the astounding claim that the situation in Manipur is normal. In actuality, the situation is still tense as the MP from Inner Manipur pointed out in Lok Sabha on 1st July," Ramesh said, adding that the President's Address was also silent on the issue. "And the non-biological Pradhan Mantri has still not visited Manipur since it erupted on the night of May 3rd, 2023..." he said.

INDIA bloc has alleged that the Modi government is turning a blind eye towards the North Eastern state. In his more than two-hour speech replying to the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the Presi-



Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress MP Sonia Gandhi, NCP (SP) MP Sharad Pawar stage a walkout during PM's speech on Wednesday | PPT

dent's Address, Modi was faced with slogan-shouting on Manipur.

Modi broke his silence on the issue in Rajya Sabha and accused the Opposition of politicising the issue. Modi reminded the Congress that the state had seen President's rule 10 times in the past.

Countering PM's claims, Ramesh said Manipur has been burning since May 3, 2023. "What PM has said about Manipur in Rajya Sabha is completely opposite to the reality. There is tension between different communities, there has been violence... In February

2022, BJP and its allies got more than two-thirds of the votes and in just 15 months, Manipur started burning... Till date the Prime Minister has not visited Manipur..." he said.

Addressing media, Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi said that though Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi had demanded that its MP from Outer Manipur, Alfred Arthur, be allowed to speak, he was not given permission. The first-time Congress MP from Inner Manipur expressed anguish over absence of any reference to ethnic violence-hit Manipur in the President's address.

Sudha Murthy bats for cervical cancer vaccine

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

NEWLY nominated MP Sudha Murthy advocated for a government-sponsored vaccination programme to combat cervical cancer in the Rajya Sabha. She emphasized the urgency of promoting preventive healthcare among young girls through widespread vaccination.

Speaking during a discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address on Wednesday, the noted author expressed her concerns about women's health and the need for vaccination against cervical cancer.

Murthy underscored the significance of cervical cancer vaccination for girls aged between nine and 14. Drawing parallels with the COVID-19 vaccination drive, she stressed that it will not be difficult for the government to provide vaccines to girls to avert the deadly cancer.



SC slams Manipur govt for not taking care of undertrial

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday came down heavily on the Manipur government for not taking an undertrial at the Manipur Central Jail to a hospital for necessary medical examination just because he belonged to the minority Kuki community.

The court said, "Sorry counsel, we do not trust the State (of Manipur). We do not. The accused was not taken to hospital because he is from the Kuki community? So sad. We direct him to be examined now. If the medical report reveals something serious, we will take you to task!" a two-judge Vacation Bench of the top court, led by Justices JB Pardiwala and Ujjal Bhuyan, said.

Taking cognizance of the fact that the accused was suffering from piles and tuberculosis, the top court, while taking a very humane approach, directed the jail superintendent as well as authority of the state to make necessary arrangements for accused undertrial's transportation to Gauhati Medical college where he would be examined for his necessary treatment. "All the expenses have to be borne by the state," it said.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

SC raps UP govt over POCSE case

The Supreme Court on Wednesday pulled up the Uttar Pradesh government for non-compliance with its order on examination of a minor victim of sexual assault, asserting it does not pass an order "just for fun".



From the bail order passed by the High Court, the bench found that the accused was not taken out for medical examination at a hospital "since he was from Kuki community and that shifting him to hospital will be hazardous taking into account law and order situation."

The apex court in the order also noted that the trial was yet to begin against him and that the accused had also complained to jail officials about his extreme backache. It also directed the officials concerned to obtain a detailed medical report in this regard and place it on or before July 15, the next date of hearing in the case.

Accused have right to speedy trial, says SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday slammed the NIA for delaying the trial in a case registered under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1967, and said that even the accused has a right to a speedy trial. A two-judge vacation bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and Ujjal Bhuyan observed that even though the accused, Javed Gulam Nabi Sheikh, is alleged of committing a serious offence, he has the right to a speedy trial.

"Do not make a mockery of justice. The National Investigation Agency is the prosecuting agency (NIA). You are the State; you are the NIA. He might have committed a serious offence, but you are under the obligation to start the trial. He has been in jail for the past four years. Till date, the charge has not been framed," the court said.

8 key committees formed to take call on economy, political affairs, security

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday formed eight cabinet committees which play pivotal roles in shaping policies across various domains. According to an official notification, the Cabinet Appointments Committee comprises only PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. Cabinet Committee on Security includes Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs comprises Rajnath, Shah, Sitharaman, Jaishankar, Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari, Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Heavy Industries Minister HD Kumaraswamy. Others are Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh.

The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs comprises Modi, Rajnath, Shah, Gadkari, Sitharaman, Goyal, Health Minister JP Nadda, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan

Naidu, MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, Ports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Environment Minister Bhupendra Patel, Women and Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju and Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy.

Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs comprises Rajnath, Shah, Nadda, Sitharaman, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Naidu, Rijiju, Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar, Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram and Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil.

Cabinet Committee on Investment comprises Modi, Rajnath, Shah, Gadkari, Sitharaman, Goyal, Prahalad Joshi, Giriraj Singh, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, Hardeep Singh Puri, and Food Processing Minister Chirag Paswan.

Cabinet Committee on Accommodation includes Shah, Gadkari, Sitharaman, Goyal and Manohar Lal. The Cabinet Committee on Skill, Employment and Livelihood comprises PM, Rajnath, Shah, Gadkari, Gajendra Shekhawat, Employment Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, among others.

Army Chief reaches Jammu, takes stock of LoC operational readiness

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

EMPHASISING the security and defense significance in the regions of Poonch and Rajouri, south of Pir Panjal, the Chief of Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi, visited the area on Wednesday, shortly after assuming charge.

General Upendra Dwivedi reviewed the security situation and operational preparedness of the troops along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

In addition to his review with field commanders in Poonch, he conducted an aerial survey of forward areas in the district. The Army Chief was accompanied by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C) of the Northern Command, Lt Gen Suchindra Kumar, and the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Jammu-based White Knight Corps, Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva. Before his shift to Army Headquarters in New Delhi, General Dwivedi served as the Commander of the crucial Northern Command of the Army.

There has been a surge in terror attacks, which is seen as a shift in terrorist operations from the valley to the Jammu region. The visit is particularly



Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi during his visit to the forward locations of White Knight Corps along the LoC in Poonch on Wednesday | PPT

significant as the holy Amarnath Yatra 2024 commenced on 29th June and is scheduled to conclude on 19th August 2024. On 9th June, nine pilgrims heading to the Vaishno Devi Shrine in Katra were killed, and 41 were injured when terrorists fired on their bus.

The rise in terror attacks included 43 incidents in 2023 and 20 so far this year. This number is expected to rise, with 60 to 70 terrorists reportedly active across the borders, as stated by RR Swain, the Director General of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief of Army Staff

also interacted with some ex-servicemen at the 93 Infantry Brigade. General Dwivedi, who served as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Northern Command from 2022-24, later flew back to Jammu. He is scheduled to return to Delhi on Wednesday evening.

The Northern Command handles borders with both China and Pakistan, including sensitive areas such as Kargil, Siachen, and Eastern Ladakh, where tensions with China continue due to the ongoing standoff.

After Maha case, Centre says keeping watch, issues advisory to states on Zika

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

AFTER eight Zika cases were reported from Maharashtra, the Centre on Wednesday issued an advisory to all the states flagging the need for maintaining a state of constant vigil over the virus in the country.

While Pune reported six cases, Kolhapur and Sangamner recorded one each as of July 2. Officials said the health ministry is closely monitoring the situation as cases are being reported only from Maharashtra. Zika is a non-fatal, Aedes mosquito-borne viral disease like dengue and chikungunya.

Most people with Zika virus infection do not develop symptoms; those typically have symptoms including rash, fever, conjunctivitis, joint pain, malaise, and headache that last 2-7 days. However, Zika is associated with microcephaly (reduced head size) in babies born to affected pregnant women, which makes it a significant concern. As two pregnant women in Maharashtra were detected with the virus, Dr Atul Goel, Director General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in an advisory, urged states to instruct health facilities in the affected areas to screen pregnant women for the virus infection, monitor the growth of the fetus of expecting mothers who have tested positive for Zika.

The condition of the two women is said to be good. Prof Anurag Agrawal, former director of the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, a national laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, said, "The appearance of Zika virus in populated regions where its vector is abundantly present, is a serious event in terms of public health implications."

Surveillance and reporting must be stepped up, not only within Maharashtra but other states as well, said Prof Agrawal, who is the head, Koita Center for Digital Health, Dean of the Trivedi School of Biosciences at Ashoka University. "The surveillance must include not only case detection among pregnant women, but also vector surveillance. Genome sequencing will offer important insights and must be taken up by networks capable of pathogen genomic surveillance such as INSACOG," he said.

MoD says Agniveer's family given ₹98.39L amid compensation row

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AMID a controversy regarding payment of compensation due to an Agniveer killed in action, the defence ministry on Wednesday clarified that the family of deceased Agniveer Ajay Singh has been given ₹98.39 lakh so far and an additional ₹67 lakh will be transferred after inquiry and internal procedures get over.

The issue has become a tug of war between the ruling BJP and main opposition Congress.

"It may be noted that Agniveer Ajay Singh died in a landmine blast in January earlier this year in Naushera sector. His family received as compensation ₹98,39,000 so far," a source in the defence establishment said, reacting to media reports that Singh's family members did not receive ₹1 crore.

"After completion of necessary inquiry and internal procedures, they will get an additional sum to the tune of ₹67 lakh."

The Indian Army also clarified

BREAKUP OF COMPENSATION



fied on emolument issue in a post on X, saying, "Of the total amount due, the family of Agniveer Ajay has been paid ₹98.39 lakh. Ex-gratia and other benefits amounting to approximately ₹67 lakh, as applicable according to the provisions of the Agniveer Scheme, will be paid on final account settlement shortly post police verification." It added, "The total amount will be ₹1.65 cr approximately."

Agniveer's father Charanjit Singh was quoted saying he re-

ceived only ₹48 lakh from his son's unit.

The clarification came days after Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, raised the issue of inadequate compensation to Agniveers, a charge vehemently denied by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. Singh said Gandhi was misleading the House by "making wrong statement". He said that the next of kin of Agniveer has received financial assistance of ₹1 crore.

'Rise in N-warheads to check China's buildup'

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE reported increase in the estimate for Indian nuclear warheads is an "educated guess based on limited information," nuclear and military strategist Aditya Ramanathan told 'TNIE'. He was responding to the report on increase in nuclear arsenals globally, including India by the Swedish think tank 'Stockholm International Peace Research Institute' in its 2024 Yearbook released last month.

"We don't actually know the exact size of India's nuclear arsenal, but most studies place it in the range of 150-200 warheads. If there is indeed an increase in the number of Indian warheads, it is a direct response to developments in China," he added.

Ramanathan said that in 2021, "evidence emerged of three large silo fields in Western China that could house hundreds of ICBMs. China has also developed improved missiles like the solid-fueled DF-41 ICBM and the DF-27 hypersonic glide vehicle. It has also put its nuclear deterrent to sea with ballistic missile submarines



and is developing missile defences. Naturally, India has to be concerned about ensuring that enough of its own nuclear forces can survive a Chinese first strike and inflict unacceptable damage in retaliation. To that end, I think India's response is cautious and well-reasoned," said the research fellow with the Bengaluru-based public policy think tank 'Takshashila Institution'.

Ramanathan's work focuses on nuclear strategy, outer space affairs, and advanced military technologies. He has co-edited the book — 'The Sheathed Sword: From Nuclear Brink to No First Use'. He explained that "India is not interested in com-

peting with the Chinese on numbers. Instead, we are developing specific capabilities to ensure we can hit back effectively. India is increasing the survivability of its own nuclear forces by deploying Arihant-class ballistic missile submarines. At some point, we will also probably set up an airborne command post to ensure that nuclear command and control can continue operating after a devastating first strike. India also wants to ensure it can penetrate Chinese missile defences, which is why it is developing the new Agni V missile that can carry multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles or MIRVs," said

Ramanathan.

Regarding Pakistan, he added that "India will always have to keep a close eye on developments in Pakistan as well."

He added that the perceived threat may not just be from India's immediate neighbours. "Over longer time horizons, we may see new nuclear powers emerging in West Asia as well. It could be Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, or Iran. So it makes sense for India to gradually update its nuclear forces and perhaps make slight increases in numbers when necessary."

On India's nuclear No-First-Use (NFU) policy, Ramanathan said that "India's not interested in fighting a nuclear war. It only wants to convince adversaries that if they initiate a nuclear first strike, they have no means to stop India from conducting a terrible retaliatory strike. NFU policy understands that the most effective use of nuclear weapons is to deter adversaries from using their own weapons of mass destruction. The idea is to prevent nuclear war and make it difficult for adversaries to make nuclear threats during a crisis," he added.

'RUSH OF DEVOTEES CUT OFF NH-91 FOR 5 KM'

Godman's security pushed crowd trying to collect mud after Bhole Baba left the venue which led to stampede, say eyewitnesses

PRABHAT SHUKLA @ Hathras

CHAOS caused after followers of Narayan Sakaar Hari (Bhole Baba) were pushed by the godman's security and a slippery slope resulted in the stampede at a satsang event at Phulrai village in UP's Hathras district on Tuesday which killed 121 people, eyewitnesses and preliminary government report said.

"By the time I arrived at the site at around 6 pm, I could see dozens of bodies piled up on both sides of the highway," said Manu Singh, a resident of the nearby Iqbalpur village.

Locals say that the crowd was so large that the National Highway-91, near which the event took place, was completely closed for 5 km on both sides and occupied, with buses carrying devotees from far-off places. As a result, they say, ambulances took roughly an hour to reach the spot after the stampede, forcing people to arrange for private vehicles to reach nearby hospitals.

Locals put the blame for the tragedy squarely on the sewadars of Bhole Baba who were organising the event.

"They should have accounted for the large crowd and made preparations accordingly. It is the poor people who are suffering here," said Kalicharan Yadav, a resident of Phulrai village where the incident took place.

Shanti Devi, a survivor, described how "after Babaji left, people followed him and tried to pick up the mud from his footsteps. The rush led to people falling on top of each other."

In a preliminary report submitted to the district magistrate, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Sikandra Rao, who was present at the venue, noted how a crowd of over 200,000 gathered at the satsang pandal. "A crowd of more than 2 lakh people was present in the satsang pandal. Shri Narayan Sakar Hari (Bhole Baba) reached the satsang pandal at



The stampede site at Phulrai village in Hathras on Wednesday, a day after more than 121 people lost their lives during a religious congregation; Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath during his visit to the site; Heavy police presence at the area; Relatives look for belongings of the victims | PARVEEN NEGI

about 12.30 pm and the program went on for 1 hour. After this, at about 1.40 pm, Shri Narayan Sakaar Hari (Bhole Baba) came out of the pandal to go towards Etah on National Highway-91," the preliminary report said, adding that when the godman was leaving the venue, his followers started running towards him for a 'darshan' and collect soil from around his feet.

The situation escalated when more people on the road divider surged towards Baba's vehicle. "A large number of people were already standing on the dividers...who started jumping from the dividers and started running towards Baba's vehicle," the report stated.

Efforts by Baba's security and sevadars to control the crowd led to pushing and shoving, causing some to fall. Panic ensued, and the crowd became uncontrollable. Many fled to an open field, slipping on the wet slope and falling, leading to a deadly crush as others trampled over them.

"After this, they could not get up again and the crowd started running here and there over them," the report noted.



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Kalicharan Yadav, a resident of Phulrai village

Survivors recount horrors, say not sure whether relatives dead or alive

PRABHAT SHUKLA @ Hathras

A day after a stampede claimed the lives of at least 121 people in Western UP's Hathras district, survivors recovering at the Hathras District Hospital recounted their ordeal.

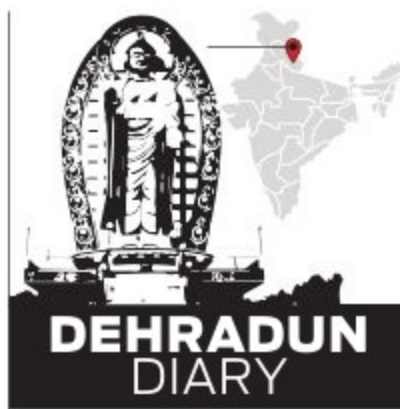
Sixty-two-year old Kusum Devi, who attended the Satsang, recounted that things had gone well till the very end. "When we tried to walk towards the exit after the aarti, the situation suddenly turned chaotic. People started pushing and pulling each other in all directions. I fell down and people started walking over me. A few people helped me and I managed to survive," she said.

Her sister, who was accompanying her, sadly could not make it and passed away late on Tuesday. Among the survivors at the hospital was head constable Sheela Mohdya who was on duty when the stampede broke out. In an effort to control the crowd, she was injured. At the hospital's mortuary, Rao Dayal was waiting impatiently to identify the bodies of his sister and two nephews, aged 11 and 9, who had been missing since Tuesday. "My family has been a devotee of Bhole Baba for the past 5-6 years and we had never imagined something like this could happen. I still don't know whether my relatives are alive or dead. I

have received no help from the authorities. They just keep referring me from one hospital to another," he said.

The bodies of the victims were sent to Etah, Aligarh, Agra and Mathura where the autopsy was carried out the whole night. Asphyxia due to compression was the leading cause of death among the victims of the Hathras stampede who were taken to the district hospital in Etah on Tuesday, additional chief medical officer Dr Ram Mohan Tiwari said.

Police Circle officer (Sakeet area) Sanjay Kumar Singh said 21 of the 27 bodies brought to Etah government hospital were identified by midnight.



DEHRADUN DIARY

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Uttarakhand to get nine world-class sports infra

To encourage youth towards sports, the Pushkar Singh Dhami-led BJP government has approved the construction of nine stadiums across Uttarakhand. Four stadiums will be constructed in the Udham Singh Nagar district, while one each in Roorkee, Rishikesh, Ramnagar, Manglaur, and Deoliwala. The initiative will provide a platform for sports enthusiasts to hone skills and pursue passion without having to look to other states for opportunities, an official said, adding that the move is expected to catapult Uttarakhand onto the national sports map and produce talented athletes who can make the state proud.



Bypolls: BJP faces stiff competition from Cong

The assembly by-elections slated for July 10 are likely to witness a bipolar contest in Badrinath and a triangular contest in Manglaur. In Badrinath, the BJP has fielded Rajendra Bhandari, a former Congress MLA who defected to the BJP, while Congress has given the ticket to a new candidate, Lakshpat Singh Butola. During the campaign, Congress has accused Bhandari of being an opportunist and the BJP of not finding a face in its own cadre. On the other hand, the BJP highlighted schemes and policies and Char Dham Yatra. In Manglaur, a triangular contest is emerging between the BJP, Congress and BSP, making the by-elections even more interesting.

Over 2,600 govt schools lack separate toilets

Over 2,617 schools in the state lack separate toilets for boys and girls, causing immense hardship for thousands of students, especially during the monsoon season. A report by the education department reveals that of the 11,226 government primary schools, 841 lack boys' toilets, while 1,011 lack girls' toilets. In the upper primary schools, boys' toilets were absent in 213 schools, and girls' toilets in 173. In secondary schools, 274 lack boys' toilets and 105 girls' toilets. According to the state education department, in many schools, the toilets have been non-functional due to lack of maintenance.

AT A GLANCE

- 16% up from last Budget
- Revenue surplus of ₹1,700 cr
- 18% increase in state own tax revenue in 2024-25 as compared to budget estimate for 2023-24
- Estimated increase in capital expenditure by 15% in 2024-25 as compared to budget estimate for 2023-24
- ₹40,804 crore (23.4%) for Scheduled Tribe Sub Plan
- ₹27,900 Crore (16%) for Scheduled Caste Sub Plan
- Capital outlay for 2024-25 estimated at 4.25% of the State's Gross Domestic Product
- Interest payments for 2024-25 10.40% of the total revenue receipts
- Fiscal deficit estimated to be 4.11% of the state GDP
- Action plan for E-Vidhan, E-Cabinet and E-MLA Office scheme under which each of 230 legislators will get ₹5 lakh each for ensuring office
- Establishment of Coding Lab

Biggest ever ₹3.65L cr MP Budget, no new tax

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

AROUND seven months into office, the Mohan Yadav-led BJP government presented on Wednesday its first full-fledged Budget, the biggest-ever annual Budget of Madhya Pradesh.

Presented by deputy CM and finance minister Jagdish Devda, the size of the ₹3.65 lakh crore-plus 2024-25 Budget was 16% bigger than the ₹3.14 lakh crore-plus 2023-24 Budget presented by the same finance minister in the previous BJP government headed by Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

The Budget, which neither proposed new tax, nor any hike in the rates of the existing taxes, focused on increased allocation on priority sectors, including 15% for infrastructure, 13% for health, 12% for urban and rural development, 11% for education, 7% for agriculture and 6% for the social sector.

The government allocated ₹53,460 crore for the infrastructure sector, 9% more than the previous year, ₹48,004 crore for health, women and child development, 56% more than last year, ₹44,588 crore for urban

and rural development, 13% increase in allocation, ₹41,124 crore for education, 4% hike, ₹21,288 crore for social sector (SC, ST and OBC), 10% more than last year's allocation.

Budgetary allocation for employment was 39% more than the previous Budget and 35% more for culture promotion.

The allocation for the tribal affairs (₹12,653 crore) and the SC welfare department (₹2,327 crore) was more than ₹1,646 crore proposed for the backward sections and minority welfare departments.

Focusing on jobs, the Budget proposed 46,000 new posts in the health sector; recruitment of 11,000 school teachers and 7,500 police personnel. Opening of three government medical colleges in 2024-25 and eight more medical colleges in next two years was also proposed.

Aiming to boost agriculture, the Budget proposed ₹125 per quintal bonus, besides the MSP on procurement of wheat.

While maintaining that no schemes of the previous government will be closed, the finance minister proposed ₹18,984 crore for the CM Ladli Behna Yojana.

3 more bridges collapse in Bihar, 9th in 15 days

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

AMID heavy showers in Bihar, three bridges collapsed in Siwan district within 24 hours, marking the ninth such incident in the state in the last 15 days. No casualties or injuries were reported in the latest incidents of bridge collapse.

With the collapse of the bridges, road links of various villages situated along Gandak and Dhamhi rivers in Siwan have been snapped. These villages have been cut off from the district headquarter.

The incidents of bridge collapse took place in Patera and Dhamai villages and the third one under Tewtha panchayat of the district. The first incident was reported from Devariya in Patera village of Maharajganj



A bridge that collapsed near Sikandar puri village in Siwan on Wednesday | EXPRESS

subdivision of the district. A portion of the bridge built on Gandak river collapsed on Wednesday. Sources claimed that the bridge has not repaired ever since it was built 36-40 years ago. Its condition deteriorated due to the incessant rains in the last 24 hours. The bridge served as the only means of transportation for villagers.

Similarly, a bridge connecting Nautan and Sikandarpur collapsed in Tewtha panchayat of Maharajganj block.

The third bridge that caved in was in Dhamai village. The bridge was built over Gandak river and was repaired only a few days ago. Strong flow of water led to the collapse.

Experts, however, blamed an

Identify Bangla infiltrators, send them back: HC to J'khand govt

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE Jharkhand High Court on Wednesday directed the state government to identify the infiltrators from Bangladesh and prepare an action plan to deport them. A division bench of Justices Sujit Narayan Prasad and Arun Kumar Rai was hearing a PIL demanding a probe into the infiltration of Bangladeshis and the alleged 'land-jihad' in Santal Pargana region.

According to the petitioner's lawyer Rajeev Kumar, the government has been asked to file an affidavit within two weeks. "The court told the state that all the Deputy Commissioners in Santal Pargana region should work in mutual coordination to identify the infiltrators and prepare an action plan to deport back," he said.

The PIL was filed by a Jam-

shedpur based social activist Daniel Danish seeking a probe on Bangladeshi intrusion and changing demography of Santal Pargana.

The court was explained how the intrusion has started changing the demography of the area and posing a threat to the existence of the poor tribals.

The court was also told that the banned outfit in Bangladesh has been trapping the local tribal girls and marrying them under 'love-jihad' and 'land-jihad' in many of the parts of Santal Pargana. After marriage, they field the girls as candidates in Panchayat election and through them siphon off government funds to promote anti-national activities, he asserted.

He said several illegal Urdu schools (Madrassa) have also mushroomed in the bordering area where intruders take shelter before settling in the locality.

IN HIGH COURTS

PIL says threat to tribals

A PIL in HC claimed that infiltration is leading to a change in the demography of the Santal Pargana area besides posing a threat to the tribals. The infiltrators marry the tribal girls and field them as candidates in Panchayat election and siphon off govt funds.

Boat capsizes kills many

As many as 12 students and two teachers of a private school were killed when an overloaded boat carrying them capsized in Vadodara's Hami Lake area on January 18. Eighteen students and two teachers were rescued. The students were on a picnic when the accident took place.

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA

@ Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat High Court on Wednesday rejected the state government's inquiry report on the Vadodara Harani boat capsizing incident, terming it an "attempt to hide the truth in the veil of words" and directed a re-investigation.

During the hearing of a PIL, the Advocate General presented the government's report on the accident. However, the court rejected the report saying it read like a fictional story and warned that if the report was not withdrawn, it would issue a strict order. At this, the Advocate General withdrew the report.

There seems to be an attempt to conceal the truth with vague language, emphasizing that the responsible officer cannot evade accountability, the court observed, adding that the re-

port submitted by the Urban Development Department was "unsatisfactory".

At one point, the court indicated that it would issue an order after reviewing the original records. It asserted that those in responsible positions would face consequences if they fail to perform their duties with honesty.

The court said that it holds no personal bias against anyone and stressed the necessity of issuing orders that serve the public interest.

The Advocate General underscored that the government is committed to ensuring accountability in such tragedies.

While acknowledging that the responsibility lies with the Vadodara Municipal Commissioner, the Advocate General assured that the state government is prepared to initiate departmental inquiries against all those accountable.

13 m people
Affected by Bangladesh floods after heavy rains in the nation's northeastGLOBAL
WEATHERLR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain
TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNV: Sunny

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Colombo	21	27	SNV	Melbourne	12	5	SNV
Dhaka	31	27	LR	Moscow	33	20	SNV
Dubai	40	38	SNV	New York	29	22	SNV
Houston	35	27	SNV	Singapore	30	26	LR
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Kamala better placed to win than Biden: CNN poll

Trump is ahead in poll and Harris is within striking distance of him

MOSCOW

VICE President Kamala Harris, who is of Indian and African heritage, has a better chance of retaining the White House in the November presidential polls than her boss President Joe Biden has, according to a latest CNN poll.

The approval rating of Biden, 81, has plummeted after his dismal debate performance in Atlanta last week against his predecessor Donald Trump.

Since the debate, there has been increasing voices in the ruling Democratic party for Biden to step down and let someone else run the race for the crucial November 5 presidential elections.

According to the CNN poll conducted by SRS, Trump is ahead of Biden by six points.

The poll also finds Harris within striking distance of Trump in a hypothetical match-up: 47 per cent of registered voters support Trump, 45 per cent Harris, a result within the margin of error that suggests there is no clear leader under such a scenario.

"Harris' slightly stronger showing against Trump rests at least in part on broader support from women (50% of female voters back Harris over Trump vs. 44% for Biden against Trump) and independent-



Vice President Kamala Harris | AP

ents (43% Harris vs. 34% Biden)," the polls said.

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre refrained to give a direct comment on the polls.

"I'm constrained to speaking directly to your poll and I get it and I hear the question. I got to be mindful, that is something for the campaign as you started saying, what the campaign has laid out their argument of the case. That is something for them to take up and that is something for them to answer," she told reporters when asked about it.

"What I can speak to is the president's record. What I can speak to, what he's been able to accomplish and the things that he's been able to do and get

Calls for Biden to quit race grows louder

Washington: Democrats shocked by Joe Biden's dismal debate performance urged him on Tuesday to be transparent about his mental fitness as he faced the first call from his own side to drop out of the election. Congressman Lloyd Doggett became the first Democratic lawmaker to publicly call on Biden to make way for another candidate, saying he was hopeful the president would "make the painful and difficult decision to withdraw."

done is actually in line with majority of Americans. And I think that's important too, to note. And again, I will say with age comes wisdom and experience and that's certainly something that the president brings," she said.

Former First Lady Michelle Obama leads Trump by a whopping 11 points in an Ipsos poll 50% to 39% though her office told NBC News in March she would not be running for president this year.

The poll was done by SSRS from June 28-30 among a random national sample of 1,274 adults drawn from a probability-based panel, including 1,045 registered voters. Surveys were conducted online, telephone with a live interviewer. PTI

Big-ticket UK general elections today

LONDON

THE UK general election on Thursday is expected to deliver the most diverse Parliament in the country's history, including in the number of parliamentarians of Indian heritage likely to be elected from across the nation. According to an analysis by the British Future think tank, the Labour Party is set to have by far the largest number of ethnic minority MPs if the party wins an overall majority and even more in a landslide scenario. With around 14% of MPs coming from an ethnic minority background this time, the analysis finds that the new Parliament will be closer than ever to reflecting the diversity of the British electorate.

"This election will see the biggest rise in ethnic minority representation and the most diverse Parliament ever," said Sunder Katwala, Director of British Future.

"In the space of 40 years, we'll have gone from zero to one in seven MPs being from an ethnic minority background.

Scramble to avert Labour supermajority

Labour govt expected to return after 14 years of Conservative rule in Thursday's general elections

418+
Seats in Parliament to go to Labour, says
Survation opinion poll326
Seats needed to secure a majority in the 650-member Parliament

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Lead already held by Labour over Tories since the past two years

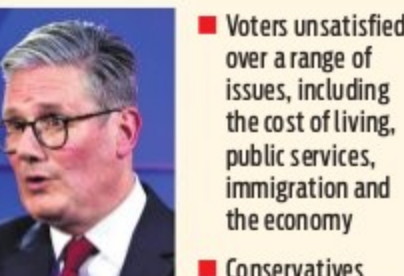
Britain is closing the gap between the diversity of Parliament and the electorate much faster than anyone thought possible," he said.

The last general election in 2019 resulted in 15 MPs of Indian heritage crossing over the line, many of whom are contesting again alongside several first-timers.

Conservative Party MP Alok Sharma and Labour veteran Virendra Sharma are among the most high-profile British Indians not seeking re-election this time, from Reading West and Ealing Southall, respectively. The latter constituency, with a large Punjabi electorate, has two British Sikh candidates contesting as Independents



There is more chance of lightning striking twice in the same place... than Rishi Sunak remaining PM
John Curtice, UK's election expert



If you want change, you have to vote for it
Keir Starmer, Labour party leader

■ Voters unsatisfied over a range of issues, including the cost of living, public services, immigration and the economy

■ Conservatives drumming up the fear factor against Labour. Former PM Boris Johnson warns Labour leader Keir Starmer would try to usher in the most left-wing Labour govt since World War II

Sangeet Kaur Bhail and Jaginder Singh.

Some of the key British Indian candidates to watch in Thursday's polls include Praful Nargund, who is contesting for the Labour Party in Islington North the seat of the party's now-suspended former leader Jeremy Corbyn, who is contesting as an independent. PTI

Key Ukrainian dt captured by Russian troops

MOSCOW

RUSSIA said on Wednesday its forces had captured a district in the key hilltop town of Chasiv Yar near Bakhmut in eastern Ukraine, where Moscow has been pressing for months. The town, in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region, has strategic importance and its capture could allow Russia to mount further offensives across the region.

Russia's defence ministry said in a daily briefing that its troops had "liberated the 'Novy' district of Chasiv Yar", a neighbourhood on the eastern edge of the town.

Russia's capture of the area was also reported by Ukraine's

DeepState Telegram channel, which has links to Kyiv's army. It said the district had been flattened by Russian bombardments, and that withdrawing was "a logical, albeit difficult decision."

It was unclear if Russia was claiming that its forces had crossed a canal that runs through the eastern part of the town, a natural barrier that has aided Ukraine's defence.

Chasiv Yar lies around 10 kms west of Bakhmut, which Russian forces captured last year after months of artillery strikes and urban combat destroyed the city.

In another incident, Russia

accused Ukraine of firing self-detonating drones towards the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station on Wednesday, in an attack that hit a power substation and injured eight people.

Moscow regularly accuses Kyiv of attacking the plant, Europe's largest nuclear power site, which has been under the control of Russian forces for more than two years.

Eight people were injured and two transformers at the substation were damaged, resulting in a cut of some power supplies to the nearby town of Enerhodar. It said Ukraine fired three self-detonating drones at the substation. AFP



ASIA MATTERS

COURT REJECTS NAJIB RAZAK'S REQUEST

A Malaysian court on Wednesday dismissed a bid by imprisoned former Prime Minister Najib Razak to serve his remaining corruption sentence under house arrest. In an April application, Najib said he had clear information that then-King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah issued an addendum order allowing him to finish his sentence under house arrest. Najib claimed the addendum was issued during a Jan 29 pardons board meeting chaired by Sultan Abdullah, which also cut his 12-year jail sentence by half and sharply reduced a fine. Najib's counsel said he would file an appeal.

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Terms and Conditions of Auction:- (1) Those interested in participating in the open auction commencing at 11. 00 AM on 26-07-2024 should register their names after 3.00 PM to 5.30PM on 25-07-2024 by submitting a DD for Rs. 25000/- separately as advance E.M.D to "Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Devanahalli" and can participate in the auction after registering the name and other details in TIN. (2) The vehicles shown above the table can be inspected during office hours at the places mentioned. (3) Successful bidders will have to pay 50% of the auction amount on the spot and pay the balance within 07 days from the date of auction and pay GST to their TIN number and take possession of the vehicle at their own cost. (4) Bidders will have to pay the document fees, taxes etc. of the vehicle purchased. (5) Bidders will have to pay the G S T and any other taxes, fees as per rules based on the purchase value of the vehicle. (6) E.M.D amount will be received only in the form of DD from any nationalized/scheduled bank. (7) The vehicles which are being disposed will be auctioned on as is, where is, in the existing mechanical condition. (8) Bidders of vehicles which have not been registered/ transferred will have to pay the bid amount and later pay the taxes, cess, penalty as per the original invoice along with the auction bid amount and get have vehicle registered/ transferred. (9) Bidders should compulsorily provide their photo ID, mobile number and address proof. (10) During the auction process if the vehicle owner or hypotheccator pay the tax+ penalty such vehicles will be removed from the auction. (11) Asst. Regional Transport Officer, Devanahalli , Bangalore (Rural) Dist-562110 has the authority to take decision to reject/ cancel/postpone/accept any questions in the auction.

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Devanahalli , Bangalore (RD)

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Our Client Mr. Y. S. Narayanaswamy, aged about 71 years, residing at 71/7B/2, Lakshmi Narasimha Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Niyaya, Behind Cambridge School, Surabhi Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore- 560 094, have lost/ misplaced, the 04 Original property documents, 1) Panchayat parit dated 22/11/91 document No. 3789-91, 2) Joint Development Agreement and dated 11/04/2008 document No. YAN-10097-2008-09 of Book-1, stored in CD No. YAN0304 in the office of Sub-Registrar - Yelahanka, Bangalore, 3) General Power of Attorney 11/04/2008 document No. YAN-40008-2008-09 of Book-1, stored in CD No. YAN0304 in the office of Sub-Registrar - Yelahanka, Bangalore and 4) Agreement of Shaping of Apartments dated 05/07/2011. We have filed a lost complaint report to the Bangalore Police on 29/06/2024 the last report number 1122256/2024, if anyone found or have any claim contact:
YASHAS, K R
KAR/14312017
Office at No.1935, 9th A Main, Judicial Layout, GKVP Post, Bangalore-560 065,
Ph. No. 99026 83949,
e-mail- yashaskrishna.94@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby notified that, my client is intending to buy the below mentioned schedule property from its owner Mrs. Meeta Gupta W/o Tehumrap Furdun Ghyara, Residing at No.303, Rayson Orchard, 4th Cross A Block, AECs Layout, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560037, if anyone having any interest over the said property in any manner, any kind may approach and submit your objections with documents to the below mentioned advocate within 7 days, or else it will be treated that there are no objections from any one and at any corner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the site property bearing Plot No.50 bearing Khata No.127350, measuring East to West: 19.00 Mtrs. and North to South: 12.00 Mtrs. totally measuring 2,325.02 Sq. Ft. in "Nilesh Long Island", III Division, X Ward, Rari Cross, Devanahalli Town, carved out of Schedule B Property, Situated at Guttahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded as follows:
East by: Road, West by: Site No.61, North by: Site No.51, South by: Road.
Mr. Manoj Gowda, P. Advocate,
M.G.P. Advocate Associates,
Opp- Mini Vidhana Soudha,
B.B.Road, Devanahalli Town- 562110.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public at large that, I the undersigned herewith entered into sale agreement to purchase the schedule property bearing No. 17, as per BBMP B-Form Khata No.4530, in assessment No. 1, Khatha No.48, situated at Andrahalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore within the jurisdiction of BBMP ward No.40, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet consisting of 4 square of commercial shop and 8 square ground and First Floor, 10 square RCC Roofed redoxide flooring building from its owner Chandrashekar son of Kulle Gowda who is residing at No. 54/1, 3rd Main Road, Nanjappa Block, Kempgegowda Nagar, Bangalore.
If any person's having any right, title, share, benefit, interest, claim, demand in respect of the above described schedule property or any part of the same by way of sale, transfer, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession or occupation if any of the tenancy leave license, care take, lease, lien, easementary rights, relinquishment, grant, in any manner, the said persons objection for the same, please approach the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this public notice with documentary proof of their claim. If nobody has raised objections for the same, I will proceed to purchase the schedule property from its owner without any further notice. After expiry of the aforesaid period, any person's has/ have submitted the objection the same will not bind on my self in transacting the same.

Manju, H
Son of Hanumanthappa
R/at No. 87, 7th Cross, Cholur Palya,
Magadi Road, Bangalore-560 023
M: 9448856267

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU

Com O.S.No. 63/2024
BETWEEN: BANK OF BARODA V/s. Virendra Sharma Represented by its Senior Branch Manager Smt. Nandini Chakraborty
AND: M/s. R.S. FASHION Prop. Mr. Rudresh P. Mohan

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908
M/s. R S FASHION Prop. Mr. Rudresh P. No. 5, Keshaballi, 3rd Gendharavadi, Vijaynagar, post Bangalore-560 091 Mobile No. 9916783844/ 7760025443 Also at: Mr. Rudresh P. S/o Shankarappa No. 73, 2nd floor, Ashwada Asta Grama, 2nd Stage, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore-560 079
Mobile No. 9916783844/ 7760025443
Whereas the plaintiff instituted a suit against you for recovery of Rs. 10,08,881.21/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Eight Thousand and Eight Hundred and Eighty One and paise Twenty One only) as on 03.04.2023 along with current and further interest @ 9.30% p.a. with a penal interest @ 2% p.a. from date of NPA till the date of realisation.
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court on 29-7-24 at 11.00 A.M. in person or through the Advocate/pleader to answer the question to the same failing which the suit will be heard and determined as Ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 6th day of July 2024.
By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristadar
Commercial Court Unit, City Civil Court, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff Padmashree
No. 29, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout,
Bhoopasandra, Bangalore - 560 094

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that I, ASIYA FATHIMA Aged about 48 years, D/o Late Nazeer Ulla Khan and Smt. Rafiunnisa A.K. and W/o Sri. Atzal Sharief, has lost original Allotment Letter issued by City Improvement Trust Board, in favour of Sri. Abdul Rasheed S/o Late Syed Khan. To the same, I have also lodged the Police Complaint on 01/07/2024 with Jayanagar Police Station. If anybody find the said Original Allotment Letter, shall return the same immediately to me to the following address or call me on my number and you will be suitably rewarded.

SMT. ASIYA FATHIMA
D/o Late Nazeer Ulla Khan and
Smt. RAFIUNNISA A.K.
W/o Sri. Atzal Sharief,
Rat No. 1288, 14th Cross, BTM Layout,
2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076
Mobile: 998667949, 9980939992

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the General public at large, we hereby notify that, our client, Smt. M. Lalitha is the sole and absolute owner, well possessed in respect of the Site No. 584, more fully mentioned in the Schedule below. Whereas the said Smt. M. Lalitha and Smt. Bhagyamma were the co-owners of the Schedule Property. Smt. Bhagyamma has released all her right, title and interest in favour of Smt. M. Lalitha in the said Site, vide Release deed No. JPN-1-02440-2024-25, WHEREAS now, the owner Smt. M. Lalitha intends to give the schedule property for Joint Development (JD).
Any person's having any objections, or claims may send their objections, with all supporting documents to the undersigned within a period of 15 days from the date of this publication. Failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims whatsoever and/or claims, if any, shall be deemed to be waived.

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.584 in the layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, vide SDA No. 257-97-98 in various Survey Numbers of Vajrapalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk in Survey Nos.632, 633, 634, 64, 652, 655, 67, 68/1, 68/2, 68/3, 74, 75/1, 76, 78/1, 78/2, 78/3, 78/4, 78/6, 78/1, 81, 82, 84/3, 88, 89/1 named as DWARAKA NAGAR Bangalore, measuring East to West: 47-0 x 46-0/2 feet and North to South: 30-0 feet, in all measuring 1395 Square feet, and bounded on the
East by: Site No. 555,
West by: Road,
North by: Site No. 563,
South by: Site No. 565.
CONTACT: C. Harita, Advocate,
19, Fz, 1st Floor, Subramanyapura Main Road,
Uttarahalli, Bangalore 560 061.
Mobile: 97415 34569

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE No.
B/TRD.2024-25/06 Dt: 28.06.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the work **Approx. value**
[i] Bengaluru-Salem: **₹ 2,48,81,267.66/-**
section: Construction of track machine siding at Rayakkottai station in ADEN/ Dharmapuri section-OHE modifications.
[ii] Bengaluru - Dharmavaram - Tiptur (TWS+WCMS) - 8 Nos at Yelahanka yard - OHE modifications. [iii] Bengaluru-Division-Construction of Track Machine siding at 15 stations for a length of 420m at 15 Minor stations in Bengaluru Division [iv] TRD works in connection with Engineering track works.

Last date of submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs on 18-07-2024
For details log on: www.reps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD
PUB/22/1A/AD360/PB/SW/2024-25 Bengaluru
South Western Railway - SWR @ SWIRLY @ SWIRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the General public at large, we hereby notify that, our clients Smt. Prathiba Athrey and Smt. Archana Athrey are the sole and absolute owners of Site No. 351, as mentioned in schedule below. Now Owners are intending to give the schedule property for Joint Development (JD) in favour of M/s. Sri Venkateshwara Builders and Developers, represented by Sri. N.R. Sridhar. If any person's having any objections or claims may send their objections, with all supporting Documents to the undersigned within a period of 15 days from the date of this publication. Failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims whatsoever and/or claims, if any, shall be deemed to be waived.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the Site No.351 formed by the (C.I.T.B) now B.D.A situated at 4th block, in West Chord Road, 3rd Stage Extension, Bangalore presently comes under B.B.M.P., PID No. 16-1-351, ward no.74, Shaktiganapada Nagar, totally measuring 4125 sqft. Bounded on:
North: site no.350,
East: site no.326,
West: 1st cross road,
South: site no.352
CONTACT: C. Harita, Advocate,
19, Fz, 1st Floor, Subramanyapura Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore 560 061.
Mobile: 97415 34568

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Com O.S.No. 60/2024
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AND: M/s. RAGHAVENDRA CREATIONS Prop. Mr. Raghavendra

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908
M/s. RAGHAVENDRA CREATIONS Prop. Mr. Raghavendra No. 05, Neelgiri Tower, Hegdehalli, Cross Vennaroad Post, Byrallah, Bangalore-560 091 Mobile No. 9886157260/993067280
Whereas the plaintiff instituted a suit against you for recovery of Rs. 9,96,88,35/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Six Thousand and Eight Hundred and Ninety Six and paise Eighty Five only) as on 30.11.2022 along with further interest @ 9.30% p.a. together with cost and expenses and other charges compounded on a monthly rest basis from date of NPA till the date of realisation.
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If any person's having any right, title, share, benefit, interest, claim, demand in respect of the above described schedule property or any part of the same by way of sale, transfer, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession or occupation if any of the tenancy leave license, care take, lease, lien, easementary rights, relinquishment, grant, in any manner, the said persons objection for the same, please



RBI Governor warns banks against mule accounts

He asks banks to take security measures against such accounts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

RESERVE Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das has warned banks against mule accounts and asked them to set up their security measures against such accounts so as to curb digital frauds.

Addressing the heads of public and private sector banks here at the Mint Road headquarters, as part of the RBI's continuing engagements with the top management of the regulated entities, the governor said there is "a need for banks to ensure robust cybersecurity controls and effectively manage third-party risks... banks must step up efforts against 'mule accounts' and intensify customer awareness, among other measures, to curb digital frauds."

A mule account refers to a bank account that is used to receive/transfer funds acquired illegally on behalf of others. A person may become a money mule intentionally or unintentionally and receive illegally acquired funds and help in its transfer to others. A fraudster can approach his prospective victims (mule account holders) with some offers and ask the victim to lend, share or rent his

CURBING DIGITAL FRAUDS

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bank accounts/cards details.

Das said there is a continued improvement in banks' asset quality, loan provisioning, capital adequacy, and profitability. Acknowledging the higher re-

silience and strength of the sector, he highlighted the importance of further strengthening the governance standards, risk management practices and compliance culture in banks.

These interactions are part of the RBI's continuous engagement with the senior management of its regulated entities. The meetings were attended by deputy governors M Rajeshwar Rao and Swaminathan J, along with executive directors in-charge of regulation and supervision functions. The previous such meeting was held on February 14, 2024.

In a statement, the RBI said the meeting discussed other issues in credit market like persisting gap between credit and deposit growth; liquidity risk management and asset liability mismatch-related issues; trends in unsecured retail lending; cybersecurity, third-party risks, and digital frauds; the need for strengthening of assurance functions; credit to MSMEs; increasing usage of rupee for cross-border transactions; and banks' participation in innovation initiatives of the RBI. As per reports, at least five leading domestic banks are tracking money mule transactions and blocking such accounts.

Koo shuts operation for want of funds, partners

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

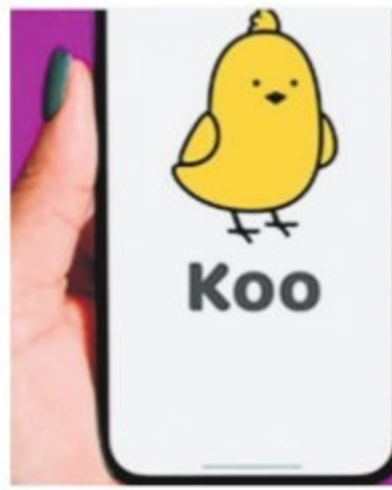
KOO, country's homegrown microblogging platform and an alternative to X (formerly Twitter), is shutting down after failed partnership discussions.

Co-founder Aprameya Radhakrishna revealed in a LinkedIn post that the four-year-old start-up explored partnerships with several larger internet companies, conglomerates, and media houses, but these negotiations did not produce the desired outcome. According to reports, acquisition talks with online media firm Dailyhunt fell through.

"Most of them didn't want to deal with user generated content and the wild nature of a social media company. A couple of them changed priority almost close to signing. While we would've liked to keep the app running, the cost of technology services to keep a social media app running is high and we've had to take this tough decision," said Aprameya Radhakrishna and Mayank Bidawatka in their LinkedIn post.

The company had halted the salary payments for its employees from April due to a cash crunch, triggered by failure in partnership talks. The company was reportedly in talks with Dailyhunt for an acquisition.

Founded in 2020 by Aprameya and Mayank, Koo was India's first microblogging site available in over 10 languages. The platform gained prominence



when the then-IT minister of India, Ravi Shankar Prasad, engaged in a dispute with Twitter (now known as X). It garnered major promotion from celebrities and ministers. Koo featured a yellow bird logo, amassing nearly 60 million downloads since its inception.

"Koo has been built with a lot of heart. We saw a big gap between the languages the world speaks and the fact that most social products, especially X/ Twitter in India are English dominant. In a world where 80% of the population speaks a language other than English, this is a strong need. We wanted to democratise expression and enable a better way to connect people in their local languages," the co-founders explained.

Most global products are dominated by Americans. We believe that India should have a place at the table," they added.

Koo closure a cautionary tale for ambitious start-ups

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

WHEN Mayank Bidawatka and Aprameya Radhakrishna founded Koo in 2020, they were confident that the microblogging platform would become an alternative to Twitter globally. But since the beginning of this year, Koo started struggling and they were even unable to pay salaries to employees. The co-founders were hopeful that they would get funding but considering the harsh funding environment, the yellow bird on Wednesday ended up saying goodbye.

Koo's demise can serve as a cautionary tale for ambitious Indian start-ups, Somdutta Singh, Serial Entrepreneur, founder and CEO Assidus, told TNIE that they did have a shot at dethroning a goliath; they boasted of superior tech and a user-centric approach. But blind spots and a harsh funding climate went against their chances of survival.

A former employee, associated with Koo since its beginning, said things went wrong due to a prolonged funding winter. "I have an emotional connection with Koo but as co-founders highlighted social media is the

toughest one to build," the former employee said. Koo's last funding round was in June 2022 and it raised \$11.8 million in Series B. Its total funding stood at \$66.4 million and its investors include Accel, Tiger Global Management and Kalari Capital, among others.

A year ago, Bidawatka had told TNIE that given the changes happening at the international level in the social media landscape, "we feel there is a good opportunity for us to make Koo available to the larger English-speaking audience as well."

At its peak, Koo saw 2.1 million daily active users and about 10 million monthly active users. Firstly, Koo underestimated the power of incumbency, said Singh. "Twitter might have 'wild' user-generated content, but it also has a critical mass of users and established network effects. To be honest, people go where the people are. Focusing solely on tech edge wasn't enough to lure users away," she said. Secondly, Koo's "build it and they will come" strategy proved naive. Thirdly, their funding woes highlighted the double-edged sword that VC funding is all about.

Govt to acquire 10K GPUs in next two-three months for country's AI Mission

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE government is set to acquire 10,000 GPUs (graphics processing units) in the next two to three months through a public-private partnership as part of its India AI Mission, said Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw on Wednesday.

Speaking at the Global India AI Summit in Delhi, Vaishnaw also outlined plans for developing artificial intelligence (AI) accessible to all, modelled after the successful Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).

"We will be investing in an AI compute infrastructure of 10,000 or more GPUs. Again, it will be an approach of public-private partnership, so that the efficiencies of industry can be harnessed for this bigger cause. We'll be creating AI innovation centers," said Vaishnaw.

Earlier this year, the Union Cabinet approved the ₹10,000 crore India AI Mission ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. Vaishnaw emphasised that India's approach to AI will mirror its successful Digital Public Infrastructure model. While talking about the digital public infrastructure (DPI), the minister mentioned that DPI is a classic case where no single payment provider, no single service pro-

vider has monopoly over the service. "The government invests in the platform and everybody becomes a part of that and the same approach we are going to adopt in AI also," said Vaishnaw.

Vaishnaw also mentioned that the government is also coming up with regulation and legislations for artificial intelligence. He said regulation for AI will need global coordination between like-minded countries, Vaishnaw, and the countries attending Global AI Summit will deliberate on various aspects of AI regulation over the next two days, Vaishnaw said. "In India, we have understood that for many of the problems we face, AI can be a very big tool to solve problems. Simultaneously, we need to contain the risks," said Vaishnaw.

The event saw the participation of Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) experts, delegates, industry and startup veterans, AI practitioners, academicians, students, and officials from Central and State Governments. Jitin Prasad, Minister of State for Electronic and Information Technology, mentioned that India stands ready at the forefront of global AI innovation. Our commitment is to promote an inclusive and robust AI ecosystem.



Did govt skip Jun GST no. release fearing backlash?

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

AFTER facing setback in the general elections, the Narendra Modi-led government doesn't want to give an impression to the public that it is collecting high taxes by way of indirect taxes, government sources told

TNIE after the Centre didn't release official figures of monthly collection of goods and services tax (GST).

As per them, the Centre wouldn't be issuing official numbers for the month of July

also. Notably, the GST revenue has been lower than April's record high numbers of ₹2.10 lakh crore in May and June.

"After setback in general elections, there is a fear in the government that higher GST revenue could give a false impression to the common man that despite higher revenue, there has not been enough employment generation in the economy. This could rub people off amid strong opposition and

coalition government," one of the sources said. He said in spite of robust GST collection, there has been a delay in disbursing payments to the states due to which their day-to-day functioning gets suffered. Many states including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala time and again have raked up this issue of delayed payments.

However, when this newspaper reached out to another government official, he countered



VOC Port signs pact with JSW Tuticorin terminal for handling dry bulk cargo

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a bid to cater to vessels carrying larger cargoes, VOC Port Authority has signed a concession agreement with JSW Tuticorin Multipurpose Terminal Private Limited for mechanisation of north cargo Berth-III (NCB-III) of VOC Port for handling dry bulk cargo on Design Build Finance Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis for a period of 30 years at an estimated cost of ₹265 crore.

The concession agreement was signed between Susanta Kumar Purohit, Chairperson, VOC Port and Lalit Singhvi, Director and Chief Financial Officer, JSW Tuticorin Multipurpose Terminal Private Limited, on Tuesday.

Purohit said the bulk terminal with a length of 306 metres and draft of 14.20 metres would be able to cater to Post-Pan-



Officials of VOC Port and JSW Tuticorin Terminal after signing agreement | EXPRESS

amax size vessels with DWT of 80,000 tonne, thereby, facilitating importers to reap the benefit of economics of scale.

The proposed dry bulk terminal will handle cargoes such as coal, limestone, gypsum, and rock phosphate. This project is expected to attract more investments and pave the way for the economic development of the region, creating direct and indirect employment opportunities for nearly 500 people.

JSW will mechanise the NCB-

III by installing cargo handling equipment such as shore unloaders, conveyors and develop the stack yard with a boundary wall, road, and stacker to enable the successful operation of the terminal for 30 years. The project is expected to be completed by December 2026.

The agreement is being signed in the wake of ₹7,056 crore Outer Harbour Container Terminal project which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

AI cancels Newark-Delhi flight to ferry cricketers

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TO bring back the T20 World Cup-winning Indian cricket team who were stranded in the Caribbean islands for the past three days due to Hurricane Beryl, Air India is accused of causing inconvenience to passengers by cancelling its scheduled Newark-Delhi flight on Tuesday and converting it to a chartered flight to bring the cricketers home.

Air India is said to have carried out the whole exercise after a request was made by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Jay Shah, son of India's Home Minister Amit Shah, is the secretary of BCCI.

The special Air India flight AIC24WC (Air India Champions 24 World Cup), which is carrying the players, support staff

and journalists, is scheduled to land in New Delhi on Thursday morning. According to reports, the team will head straight to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence in Lok Kalyan Marg. There is also a grand celebration planned in Mumbai later in the day.

A query sent to Air India on the matter remained unanswered. Meanwhile, India's aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has sought a report from Air India on the whole deployment.

An Air India official told PTI that passengers were not inconvenienced by the deployment of the Boeing 777 aircraft to Barbados. Most of the passengers who had booked tickets for the Newark to Delhi flight on July 2 were informed in advance.



GRSE bags export order for commercial vessels

Kolkata: In a remarkable development that highlights its continuing efforts towards handling export orders, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd signed an agreement with Carsten Rehder Schiffsmakler and Reederei GmbH & Co. KG Germany on Saturday, June 22, 2024, for the construction and delivery of four (04) multi-purpose vessels of 7,500 DWT each, with an option of building another four (04) ships in near future. The vessels will be 120 metres long and 17 metres wide with a maximum draft of 6.75 metres. Each of them can carry 7,500 metric tonnes of cargo. The vessels will have a single cargo hold each to accommodate bulk, general and project cargoes. Containers will be carried on hatch covers.

Business & Beyond



MCL conducts clean-up drive at zero point, Hirakud

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), conducted a clean-up drive at Zero Point, Hirakud, Burla, as part of "Swachhta Pakhwada 2024" programme. This drive aligns with the nationwide mission to promote cleanliness. A team of MCL employees and local volunteers cleared litter, debris, and ensured cleanliness of the Zero Point area. This initiative underscores MCL's commitment to environmental responsibility and community welfare.



Conveyorised mechanised sweeping machine at PPA

Keeping the momentum of making the Port area clean and green, a State of the art Conveyorised Mechanised Road Sweeping Machine was inaugurated at Gate No. 3 of Paradip Port by Shri P.L. Haranadh, Chairman, in presence of Shri Nilabhra Dasgupta, Dy Chairman & other HoDs. It will ply on arterial & sub arterial roads of Port prohibited area and collect the dust and wet lumps debris from these roads. The robust design will help the road sweeping machine to function in the toughest cleaning conditions.

Food services mkt to reach ₹10L cr, online food delivery to grow 18% by 2030: Study

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

THE food services market in India, currently valued at ₹5.5 lakh crore, will grow at 10-12% annually over the next seven years, and reach ₹9 lakh to ₹10 lakh crore by 2030.

In its latest study 'How India Eats' released by Bain & Company and Swiggy, it said the online food delivery is estimated to grow at 18% CAGR, penetration to rise from 12% in 2023 to 20% by 2030.

Rohit Kapoor, CEO, food marketplace Swiggy, "The Indian food services market, especially food delivery, has witnessed buoyant growth over the last few years. Higher incomes, digitisation, improved customer experience, and an inclination



to try new experiences have all contributed to this growth."

He added, "We are very upbeat about the growth in the coming years. For instance, China has four times the number of restaurants per million urban population, as compared to India."

According to the study, about

70% of food services consumption as of 2023 is concentrated in the top 50 cities and among upper-middle and high-income segments, which are expected to remain demand hotspots in the medium term. However, incremental growth is expected to come from other tier 2 and beyond cities as well.

"As we look toward the next decade, with an estimated growth rate of 10-12% annually, exciting opportunities loom on both the demand and supply fronts. By 2030, the market is poised to serve an additional 110 million customers, gradually shifting eating out from a special event into a convenient lifestyle," said Navneet Chahal, Partner and co-author of the report.



KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road,
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Tender Notification
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Notification No: KHB/CE/MWD/KHB/2024-25/SE0096/CALL-2 Dated: 02.07.2024
Karnataka Housing Board has invited tender through KPP Portal for appointment of Architectural Engineering Firm (AEF) for the work of Construction Minority Welfare Department, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Residential School at Anchargere, Dharwad Town, Dharwad District.
Last date for submission of bid is on 09.07.2024 upto 4.00 PM.
For further information contact below mentioned office address
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board,
Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru 080-22273511/080-22100077
website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>
Sd/- Chief Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/743/AKAR/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, YOUSUFF KHAN, S/o Mr Khudhus Khan, Rist No.23, 1st Main Road, 4th cross, Valmiki Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru South, Electronic Factory, Bengaluru - 560028, confirm resident of the above address I, hereby declare that I, have misplaced / Lost the below mentioned sale deed while travelling on 01/10/2022. The Document of title sale deed with respect to residential property, old No 13, new No 132, Situated at 3 cross, facing 4 th cross, Valmiki Nagar, Bengaluru-560018, old division No 24, PID No. 45-20-132, BBMP ward No.141, Azadnagar. The above sale deed was registered to me by Smt Zareena Taj / W/o Late Margbool Khan, void document No CMP-1-05002-2022-23, dated 14/09/2022, in Book- 1 and stored in C D No. CMPD1139, at the office of the sub- Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru. Further Police complaint has been lodged on 02/07/2024 in Online bearing Lost Report No 1126457/2024 to this effect which has been duly acknowledged. Thus the above Public Notice is now issued. Any person having claim in possession of the said document may represent to the under signed within 14 days failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.
YOUSUFF KHAN, Mob. No.: 8105122223.

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Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA SCHOOL EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT BOARD
6th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003
Ph: 080-23349434 E-mail: b.sadpikseab@gmail.com
No: KSEAB/2023-24/SE0008-Call-2 Date: 03.07.2024

SHORT-TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Director, Examinations, Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, hereby invites short-term e-tender from eligible bidders for providing the “services of Computer Programmers, Web Designer, Technical Assistant and Hardware Assistant to the K.S.E.A. Board for a period of one year” for Board examination work as per K.T.P.P. Act 1999 and K.T.P.P. Rules, 2000 through e-procurement portal only. Tender document may be downloaded from Board website <https://kseab.karnataka.gov.in> or e-procurement website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Tender commences on **03.07.2024**, Tender pre-bid meeting on **06.07.2024 at 11.30 AM** in the office of the Director, Exams, last date for submission **10.07.2024 at 5.30 PM**, opening of technical bid on **11.07.2024 at 5.30 PM**, opening of commercial bid tentatively on **16.07.2024 at 4.30 PM**, approximate value of tender is **Rs. 1,24,62,000/-** (Excluding Service Charges and GST), tender EMD is **Rs. 2,49,240/-**. Further details can be obtained from the Board during office hours.
Sd/- Director, Exams (for)

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 28/2024 Dated 26.06.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Tender No.	Description in brief	Qty.
LB245811	Procurement/Supply/Installation of Stainless- Steel Dust bin (Dry/Wet) each 100L capacity at Railway station over Bengaluru Division.	765 pairs
Last Date of submission/Tender Due on: 22.07.2024 at 10:30 Hrs.		

For Details Log on: www.lreps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Materials Manager,
Bengaluru
PUB/210/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY southwesternrailway SWRRLY

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head office, The Mall, Patiala
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813/Website: www.pspcl.in
Contact number 96461-47777, 96461-29425
OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY No. TSQ-1152/TD-II/2024-25
Dy. CE/TL(Design), B-1, Shakti Vihar, Patiala invites E-tenders for Design Manufacture, Testing, Supply, stringing, Sagging and commissioning of High Temperature Low Sag Conductor (HTLS) (expect gap Conductor) along with supply and erection of all types of associated hardware fittings and accessories on existing tower/sub-station structures, De-stringing/Replacement of existing conductor along with existing hardware fittings on existing 66KV Single / Double / Multi Circuit Transmission Lines and sub-station structures as per scope on Turnkey Basis as per PSPCL Specification No.TSQ-1152/TD-II/2024-25. For detailed NIT and Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 05.07.2024 from 11:00 AM onwards.
Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
504/C-394/24-7/3/2024
76155/12/3055/2023/35274

PUBLIC NOTICE
The general public is hereby notified that Our Clients Mr. Lakshman A is the Sole and Absolute Owner of the Schedule Property. Our Client has represented that he has Lost / Misplaced the Original Sale Deed dated 07.12.2010 bearing Document No.BM4H-1-6780-2010-11 Registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar Bommanahalli, Bengaluru in respect of the Schedule Property
In this connection a Police Complaint has been lodged on 03-07-2024 E-lost portal.
Any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 7 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on Our Client and He / She / they shall be doing so at their own costs and risk.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE Western Portion of Site Bearing No 7, Khatta No. 31/2A, Bommanahalli CMC Form No.3 (rule 20) SI. No.395 Situated at Kodichikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, Measuring East to West 21 Feet and North to South 28 Feet in all Totally Measuring 609 Sq.ft., and bounded on: East by : Eastern Remaining Portion of Site No.7, belonging to Mr. A. Kandaswamy, West by : Property belonging to Mr. Pappanna : North by : Private Property; South by : 20 Feet Road:
Nemmal & Padil
Advocates and Legal Consultants
Santosh No. 960, 47th Cross, Near ICICI Bank, Kumaraswamy Layout 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560078. Ph: 9482715069



D. DEVARAJ URS TRUCK TERMINALS LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
3rd Floor, TTMC 'B' Block, BMTC Complex, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar,
Bengaluru - 560027. Phone No: 080-2223753/58

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಡಿಡಿಎಂಟಿಟಿಎಲ್/ತಾಂ.ವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2024-25/435 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03-07-2024

E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION
D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminals Ltd., (DDUTTL) Bengaluru - 560027 invites bids from the eligible interested bidder for
1) 36 Nos. Commercial Office Space Reserved for Agent Office in the Building owned by D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminals Limited on "as is where is basis on the day of handing over of the office space" located at Dasanapura Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru - 562162.
2) Commercial Space Reserved for Petrol Bunk and Remaining 7 Nos. of Commercial Shops in the land owned by D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminal Limited, at Sy.No. 3/A/1 of Dandeli City on the land adjacent to NH-46 Haliyala - Dandeli Road, Opposite to West Coast Paper Mills Limited (WCPM), Uttara Kannada District - 581325.
3) Commercial Space Reserved for Transport Related Activities on "As is where is basis on the day of handing over possession of site" in the premises of Truck Terminal adjacent to NH-50 owned by D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminal Limited at Amaravathi Village, i.e., left hand side from Vijayapura District to Chitradurga District, Hospet Taluk, Vijayanagara District.
4) Remaining Commercial Space Reserved for Transport Related Activities and 10 Nos. of Commercial Sites adjacent to Highway in the premises of D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminal, Mysore on "As is where is basis on the day of handing over possession of site" located at Bandipalya - Nachanahalli Village, Mysore - Nanjangud Ring Road Junction, Mysore - 570025.
5) Grant of license for collection of Parking Fee from the Goods Carriage Vehicles / Trucks at Idle CC Parking Area & Additional Undeveloped Space for Parking in the premises of D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminal, Dasanapura for the period of One / Two / Five year with a moratorium period of Two Months on "As is where is basis on the day of handing over possession of site" located at Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Nelamangala, Bengaluru North.
6) Grant of license for collection of Parking Fee from the Goods Carriage Vehicles / Trucks at Idle CC Parking Area in the premises of D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminal, Hospet for the period of One / Two / Five year with a moratorium period of Two Months on "As is where is basis on the day of handing over possession of site" located at Amaravathi Village, (Opp. to RTO Checkpost) Hospet Taluk, Vijayanagara District.
Interested bidders can access documents from <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from **3rd July 2024 onwards** by paying an application fee and EMD as per e-Procurement Portal. Corrigendum / Addendum / Modifications / Corrections, if any will be published in website e-Procurement Portal only.
Bids shall be submitted electronically through new e-Procurement Portal on <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> of the Government of Karnataka. Further details & information can be obtained from the Managing Director's Office, DDUTTL during office hours and also on <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>
Sd/- Managing Director
D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminals Ltd., Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/736/Adverto/2024-25

Government of Karnataka
Executive Engineer,
RDW&S, Division, Mysore
Short Term Tender Notification No: 04/2024-25
Date:01.07.2024
Short Term Tender Notification Call-4
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Items rate tenders under Standard Bid documents (Two cover system) has been called for Water Supply Scheme to DB Kuppe and Other 19 Habitations in H.D. Kote Taluk, Mysore District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission (Estimate cost Rs.13.83 crores) under the Head of Account: Jal Jeevan Mission (MVS Scheme). Tender is been invited as per Karnataka transparency Act G.O.No.FD9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005 and as per recent amendments, Date of uploading Tender forms under e-procurement Dt:01.07.2024 05:30 PM onwards, Last Date for submitting the filled Tender forms is 10.07.2024 upto 5:00 PM, Opening of Technical bid 11.07.2024, 05.30 pm onwards, Opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bid. Eligible Agencies can participate in the tender process and for e-procurement support contact e-procurement Tel. Phone No 080-22485867, 080-22485927. For more details log on to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or contact the Officer under signed at office hours. Phone No.0821-2460 495.Tender Form Fees – As per e-procurement.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S, Division, Mysore
DIPR/DMYS-203/KSMCA-141/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development
Department. Office of the Executive Engineer
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development
Division Koppal.
No/E/E/MID /Koppal/Corrigendum/2024-25/2130
Dated:02.07.2024
CORRIGENDUM
Ref:-This office tender notification No:2078 Dated: 28.06.2024
Adverting to the above cited reference, In respect of the Work "IMPROVEMENTS TO CHANDRABANDA TANK IN RAICHUR TALUKA & RAICHUR DISTRICT (MI/2024-25/ SM/WORK_INDET2181)" the tender conditions/documents may please be read as follows.
As Notified Earlier: last date for submission of completed tender documents: 09.07.2024 up to 17.30 Hours
Now To Be Read as: Last date for submission of completed tender documents 10.07.2024 up to 17.30 Hours
As Notified Earlier: Date of opening of Technical Bid Document: 11.07.2024 , 11.00 Hours
Now To Be Read as: Date of opening of Technical Bid Document: 12.07.2024 , 11.00 Hours
As Notified Earlier: Date of opening of Financial Bid Document: 12.07.2022 , 11.00 Hours Now To Be Read as: Date of opening of Financial Bid Document: 15.07.2024 , 11.00 Hours
All other terms and conditions of the Original tender notification remain unchanged
Sd/-Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water development Division Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/112/KSMCA/2024-25

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದು- ದೇಸಂದರ ನಸ್ತು ಕಟ್ಟಿದವರು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಪೆಡ್ಲಾಸ್ಟ್ ಸ್ತಂಭ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 97, ವಿಧ್ಯಾರಾಜ್ಪುರ ಈಡಲ್, ಯಮಕೇಶವರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಮನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 148 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿದ್ದು ದಿ ಹೋಟೆಲರ ಮನೆ ದಿ ಮದ್ಯಾಹ್ನದವರ ಮಗವಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಮದ್ಯಾಹ್ನ @ ಮದ್ಯಾಹ್ನ @ ಇವರ ಕುಟುಂಬದವರಿಂದ ಮತ್ತೆ ಡಿಟೆಕ್ಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿದ್ದು ದಿ ಹುಸುಮಂದ ರವರ ಮಗವಾದ ಶ್ರೀ. ಗಾಳಿ @ ಗಾಳಿಹಳ್ಳಿ & ಕುಟುಂಬದವರಿಂದ ಮೂಲದ ಮಾರುವ ವರ್ಧರೂಪಿಯವರು, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಪೆಡ್ಲಾಸ್ಟ್ ಸ್ತಂಭಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾರೂಕಾರದ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಹಕ್ಕು ವಾಸ್ತವಿಕೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ತಂಭ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಓಪನ್‌ಸ್ಟ್ರಕ್ಚರ್ ಯಾವುದೇ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ಹತ್ತು ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಪವಾದವನ್ನು ದಾಖಲೆಗೊಂಡಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು / ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಹತ್ತು ದಿನಗಳ ನಂತರ ಬಂದಂತಹ ಅಪವಾದ ಅಥವಾ ತಪ್ಪಾದುದನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಪೆಡ್ಲಾಸ್ಟ್ ಸ್ತಂಭ ವಿವರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲೂಕು, ಯಮಕೇಶವರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ಹಳೆ ಸರ್ವೆ ಸಂ. 13/1 ಹೋಸ ಸಂ.13/9 ರಲ್ಲಿ 00-05 ಸುಲಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಟೆಕ್ಟ್ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹಳೆ ಸರ್ವೆ ಸಂ.13/1 ಹೋಸ ಸಂ.13/10 ರಲ್ಲಿ 00-03 ಸುಲಿಗೆ ಎರಡು ಸ್ತಂಭಗಳು ಒಂದಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಲಗತ್ತಾಸಿದ್ದು ಒಂದೇ ಹೆಚ್ಚುಬಂದಿ; ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ :: ಮರಿಯಮ್ಮ ರವರ ಜಮೀನು; ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ :: ಸರ್ವೆ ಸಂ.13/8 ರ ಜಮೀನು; ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ :: ಸರ್ವೆ ಸಂ.13/7 ರ ಜಮೀನು; ಮತ್ತು ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ :: ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನರ ರಸ್ತೆ.
ಟಿ. ಹುಸುಮಂದರಾಯ್ಸ್ ಪಿ.ಎ., ಎಲ್‌ಎಲ್‌ಪಿ ಜೋಲರು, ಸಂ.20, ಸೇತು ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚೆಂಡ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಗೋಕರ್ ಪುರ್ವ, ಸುಂದರಿದೇವಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 096. ಮೊ990140709



BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002.

No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/718/2023-24 **FORM I** Date: 27-06-2024

NOTIFICATION
{Under Sec 14B (4) (i)}
In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B (4) of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by The CHIEF COMMISSIONER, BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE for **Ankamma Layout main Road (30.00m wide Gas Pipe Line Road) From Ambhabhavani temple road to BBMP Limits, RMP 2015 of width 30.00mtrs.** It is hereby informed to the land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose, to appear and submit their claims along with the copies of the relevant documents viz. (i) Sale/Partition / other deeds of title, (ii) Up-to-date RTC's (iii) Mutation Copy (iv) Tax paid receipts (v) conversion order of Non agriculture purpose (vi) Revenue sketch (vii) Akar band etc., in person in the place within thirty days from the date of publication of this notification as indicated in the address below and state their respective interest in such land.

The place where land owners/interested persons have to appear and submit their claims	Name and address of the Divisional/ Sub divisional/branch offices	Date and Time
The Deputy Commissioner (LAQ & TDR) Room No: 208, 2 Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002.	Executive Engineer Road Infrastructure, Yalahanka Division, BBMP	30 days from the date of Notification Time: 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM

The land owners / interested parties of the scheduled properties whose lands are to the acquired shall give the consent for Grant of Development Rights to the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike.
The land owners shall receive twice the area of land surrendered in lieu of monetary compensation as DR (Notional land) and two time the building area surrendered as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered divided by the Market value of the land on which the building is constructed. The Notional land can be utilized by factorizing with the market value at the originating plot and receiving plot. The Notional land is eligible for FAR and can be used as additional built up area at the receiving plot as per the terms and conditions prescribed in the Benefit of Development Rights Rules, 2016.
The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Rights Certificates (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (LAQ & TDR), BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

SCHEDULE
"Acquisition of land required **Ankamma Layout Main Road (30.00m wide Gas Pipe Line Road) From Ambhabhavani temple road to BBMP Limits, RMP-2015 of width 30.00mtrs.**"

Name of the District : Bengaluru Urban			Name of the Taluk : Yelahanka			Name of the Village : Doddabettahalli Village			
Sl. No.	Sy. No/ Khatha No.	Type of land	Nature of Land	Dimension of the land / plot & Extent in Sq.m.	Boundaries of the land / plot	Building Details	Present activity on land/Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory apartment, individual house etc.	Market (guidelines) value of the land per Sq.m.	Name and address of the owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued
				Dimension	North	South	East	West	
1	Sy.No. 13/10	Vacant	Agriculture Converted undeveloped Approved Layout/ developed Land Building Site	1725.91 Sqm	Remaining Portion of Sy.No.13/10	Remaining Portion of Sy.No.13/10	Road	Sy.No:13/3	B.M Narayanaswamy
2	Sy.No:13/3	Vacant		2836.64 Sqm	Remaining Portion of Sy.No.13/3	Remaining Portion of Sy.No.13/3 & Sy.No:13/4	Sy.No.13/10	Sy.No.13/1, 13/11 & 13/7	B.M Narayanaswamy

Total Extent to be acquired (in Sq.mt.)	8,919.94
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The market value of land shall be subject to land conversion and development status to be decided at Form-III sage based on production of documents from the Land owners.

- The Building extent shall be verified at the time of From-III Public Notice stage based on the Town and Country Planning, Benefits of Development Rights Rules, 2016.

Sd/-
Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike



Lionel Messi won't be in Argentina's squad at the Olympics starting later this month in Paris. Coach Javier Mascherano included four World Cup winners in the squad he announced Tuesday, including striker Julian Alvarez and defender Nicolas Otamendi. Messi won the gold medal at Beijing in 2008 in his only Olympic campaign.

FRANCE GEAR UP FOR BIG FIGHTS

On Friday, France face Portugal. On Sunday, their footballers hope polls do not go RN party way

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ON Sunday, France will be on the business end of a snap election. With the National Rally (RN) gaining in the polls, the far-right party has never been closer to power. In the first round of the elections last week, the RN bloc had 33% of the vote, higher than the two other blocs, the New Popular Front (27.99), and the Ensemble (President Emmanuel Macron & Co.; 20.76%).

According to CNN, projections state that the country is heading towards a hung parliament as RN could fall short of the 289 seats needed. "A total of 76 candidates were elected to France's parliament in the first round of the vote, of which 39 represented RN and its allies," CNN had reported on Monday.

On Friday night, in bordering Germany, 26 men can take a big step forward at the European Championship. Against one of the other favourites in the quarterfinals, Portugal, the side led by Kylian Mbappe & Co. knows they can send a strong statement to the rest of the teams. Win and they will be two matches away from doing the double double of a World Cup-Euros within a six-year period since 1998 (they did the first double in 1998-2008 and won the World Cup again in 2018).

It will be a remarkable legacy for a country that's replaced Brazil in terms of the hotbed for talent. But here's the thing. Football is one of the most political issues in France. It's why several French footballers — including Mbappe, Jules Kounde and Marcus Thuram — have spoken about the rise of the far right and the importance of 'blocking them' from coming to power in this election.

Post France's pre-quarterfinal 1-0 win over Belgium, Kounde, one of the best right-backs so far in the competition, said as much. Reacting to the gains made by the far-right in the first round, he said: "It isn't



French footballers including Mbappe have spoken about the rise of the far right & the importance of 'blocking them' from coming to power | AP

over yet. It is very important so that the extreme right-wing party... doesn't come in...

"...disappointed to see the direction our country is taking." Before the elections, Mbappe had said: "This is a never-seen-before event," the Madrid-bound attacker reflected a day before the country's opening game of the Euros. "That is why I want to talk to the whole of the French people, but also the youth. We are a generation that can make a difference. We see the extremes are knocking on the door of power and we have the opportunity to shape our country's fu-

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ture." It was a brave act by one of the world's most foremost footballers to come out in this manner.

When Mbappe was asked about Thuram's opinion of the elections, he was more intimate. "I share the same opinion when I spoke about diversity, tolerance and respect. The game tomorrow (group game against Austria) is very important. I think that I'm well placed to say and I have said it until I'm blue in the face, but there is a situation that is even more important than the game.



Turkey's defender Merih Demiral (C) heads the ball and scores his team's winning goal in injury time against Austria | AFP

DEMIRAL'S DOUBLE HELPS TURKEY BEAT AUSTRIA 2-1

A first-minute goal and a stellar save in the final seconds helped send Turkey into the Euro quarterfinals. Merih Demiral scored twice and goalkeeper Mert Gunok pulled off one of the saves of tournament deep into injury time as Turkey beat Austria 2-1 in the round of 16. "Our team spirit showed until the last minute," Turkey coach Vincenzo Montella said. Gunok showed great reflexes and agility, diving to his right to palm away a header from Christoph Baumgartner four minutes into added time.

EXPRESS READ

CT Draft: Indo-Pak match on March 1 in Lahore

NEW DELHI: The Pakistan Cricket Board has slotted its team's Champions Trophy match against India in Lahore on March 1, 2025 but the BCCI is yet to give its consent to the tentative schedule, an ICC Board member said. The event is slated from February 19 to March 9 with March 10 as Reserve Day. It is understood PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi submitted a 15-match schedule with all of India's games kept in Lahore for security and logistical reasons.

Modest start for golfer Diksha at Aramco Series

LONDON: India's Diksha Dagar, who is recovering from a stiff neck which forced her to withdraw from the Italian Open last week, made a modest start with 2-over 75 to be placed tied 60th at the Aramco Series golf tournament. Olympic-bound Diksha had an up-and-down round with three birdies, three bogeys and a double bogey on Par-5 13th hole at the on the Par-73 Centurion Golf Club. Diksha was lying T-60 though the position will change as more than half the field was yet to finish their first round.

Abhay-Velavan get top billing in Asian C'ship

JOHOR (MALAYSIA): The Indian pair of Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar has been given top billing in the men's doubles event of the Asian Doubles Squash Championship, which begins here on Thursday. Abhay also features in the mixed doubles with stalwart Joshna Chinappa. The duo is seeded third among 15 teams, while Rathika Suthanthira Seelan and Pooja Arthi R are the fifth seed in women's doubles. The two pairs won this year's National Championships, which was revived after 17 years.



Daniel Munoz (C) of Colombia celebrates with teammates after scoring an equaliser against Brazil. The goal earned the team a place in quarterfinals | AFP

Brazil draw Colombia, to meet arch-rivals Uruguay in last-8 clash

AFP @ Santa Clara

COLOMBIA came from behind to grab a 1-1 draw with Brazil on Tuesday, ensuring their qualification to the Copa America quarter-finals as group winners. An equalizer from Daniel Munoz in first half stoppage time was enough to earn Colombia a share of the spoils after Raphinha had fired Brazil into the lead with a sublime 12th-minute free-kick at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

The result means Colombia advance to the knockout rounds as winners of Group D, where they will face Group C runners-up Panama in Glendale, Arizona, on Saturday.

But Tuesday's draw means Brazil will face a titanic showdown in Las Vegas on Saturday against arch-rivals Uruguay, winners of Group D with a perfect record. Brazil goalscorer Raphinha insisted the five-time world champions would be unfazed at the prospect of playing Uruguay. "Our team is evolving with each game, with each training session and we think we're on the right track," Raphinha said.

"Unfortunately it wasn't the result we wanted, and it wasn't the position that we wanted to qualify for the quarter-finals

Marquee contest

With Argentina set to open the quarterfinals in an intriguing clash vs Ecuador, a look at the match-up...

BALANCE BETWEEN ATTACK AND DEFENCE

Argentina were expected to be one of the favourites and they have played like favourites. They have scored five unanswered goals thanks to a backline that has surprised many. Up front, Lionel Messi may be goalless but he has played in that now withdrawn role of his.

HOT AND COLD ECUADOR

Ecuador do have the players to hurt Argentina, especially the teen Kendry Paez but the problem is the collective have been inconsistent. That they have lost to Venezuela is a testament to this. They have do power down either wing thanks to Jeremy Sarmiento, Angelo Preciado & Piero Hincapié & they will be key if they are to put pressure.

6.30 AM ON FRIDAY

in. In Tuesday's other Group D game Costa Rica defeated Paraguay 2-1 in Austin to finish in third place. **Results:** Brazil 1-1 Colombia, Costa Rica 2-1 Paraguay. **Quarterfinals:** Argentina vs Ecuador, Brazil vs Uruguay, Colombia vs Panama, Venezuela vs Canada.

Open bus parade in Mumbai for Indian team

GOMESH S @Chennai

HAVING left Barbados on the wee hours of Wednesday (local time), the 2024 T20 World Cup winning Indian team is expected to arrive in New Delhi on Thursday morning after which they will travel for an open bus parade in Mumbai in the evening.

The Rohit Sharma-led Indian side was stuck in Barbados after the final due to Hurricane Beryl and after multiple flight delays, they eventually left the island in a charter flight for New Delhi. Once they reach they are expected to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi for breakfast before leaving for Mumbai. As was the case in 2007 when MS Dhoni lifted the inaugural T20 World Cup, this Indian team will have an open bus parade from Nariman Point to Wankhede Stadium where the felicitation function is expected to happen. BCCI Secretary Jay Shah took to social media to announce the parade. "Join us for the Victory Parade honouring Team India's World Cup win! Head to Marine Drive and Wankhede Stadium on July 4th from 5:00 pm onwards to celebrate with us! Save the date," his post read. Shah had announced a cash reward of ₹125 crore for the team, coaches, support staff and selectors which will be awarded during the function at Wankhede.

Sharma also took to X (formerly known as Twitter) to amplify the message. "India, we want to enjoy this special moment with all of you. So let's celebrate this win with a victory parade at Marine Drive & Wankhede on July 4th from 5:00 pm onwards. It's coming home," the captain mentioned.

Most of the players from the squad are likely to get a break. Meanwhile, the likes of Sanju Samson, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Khaleel Ahmed and Rinku Singh are expected to join the Indian team in Zimbabwe for the five-T20I series that begins on July 6.

Chance for Washington to make a mark: Raju

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

WITH Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja having retired from the T20Is, the tour of Zimbabwe, where India will play five matches, will be all about finding replacements and building a pool of players for the next T20 World Cup.

One among them will be Washington Sundar. While India played three left-arm spinners against South Africa in the final, that may not be the case any more. With Jadeja's retirement, Axar Patel has moved up the pecking order and so has Kuldeep Yadav. As a result, the focus turns to other spin-bowling all-rounders in Washington. Former National selector SL Venkatapathy Raju believes that the off-spinning all-rounder has an excellent opportunity to impress in the Zimbabwe tour. "With Jadeja's retirement from the shortest format, Axar with his all-round ability will automatically be the first choice spinner. Plus India can no longer play three left-arm spinners as there is none (third spinner) who can walk into the team. So Washington has a good opportunity to impress and try to get the second spinner's spot," said Venkatapathy Raju.

Washington was once a regular in the scheme of things for India in white-ball cricket but injuries forced him to be in and out of the squad. "He is now back as part of the India squad against Zimbabwe and if he works on his fitness and stays injury-free, he will get a lot more opportunities to play for India as there is no doubt about his talent and potential," opined Raju.

After R Ashwin, Washington is the best off-spinner in the country and his ability to bat any position means that if properly guided he has the potential to serve India for a long time. "Apart from R Ashwin, there is no other off-spinner in



Washington Sundar

the country who has made any impact. After Ashwin, Washington is the most talented off-spinner in the country. He (Washi) is still young and has it in him to do well at the highest level," insisted Raju.

Raju believes that India should try out more options and build a team for the next World Cup. He also makes an important point and insists that one should give the spinners ample opportunities to prove their worth. Washington, before the Zimbabwe tour, played a couple of league games for his club Globe Trotters in the First Division league of the TNCA league and was among wickets. "When you are in and out of the team, there is pressure to perform when you come back and play. This affects your rhythm. So since as you said Washi played TNCA league cricket, he will not be rusty and thus when he gets an opportunity he will be able to deliver," said the former Hyderabad captain. "Washi, mostly from what I have seen, only bats in the middle order. But there could be a situation when the team wants a youngster to bat higher in order (like how Axar Patel goes up the order) to surprise the opponent. So in T20 if you have the requisite batting skills you have to be prepared to bat at any position. So at the highest level it is all in the mind. One must tune one self to adapt to any situation," signed off Raju.

Wrestler Anshu declared 'fit', allowed to resume gentle training from today

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

IN a big relief for Olympic-bound wrestler Anshu Malik, who suffered neck spasm, pain and radiculopathy and was advised a two-week rest earlier, the attending doctor on Wednesday declared her fit. According to the medical fitness certificate submitted by the 57kg wrestler to the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), she has been allowed to resume graded gentle training with effect from June 4 (Thursday) under the guidance of a physiotherapist.

One of the medal contenders at the 2024 Paris Games, Anshu, a former World Championships silver medallist, got injured while training at a wrestling academy in Hissar, Haryana on June 19. She got admitted to a hospital in New Delhi on June 24 and was discharged four

days later with the discharge summary advising her to rest for two weeks. "It's a big relief for both wrestler and federation as Anshu has been declared fit and she can resume training from Thursday," a Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) source told this daily. However, the WFI is expected to approach the hospital concerned and seek clarity over Anshu's fitness. "The federation will write to the hospital to know the exact status as the two reports are contradicting in nature. It's important to know the status of Anshu's fitness as she is a medal hopeful at the Games," added the source.

Anshu booked her Paris tick-

et during the Asian Olympic Games Qualifier. A total of six wrestlers including five women will vie for medals in Paris. The 22-year-old wrestler is expected to leave for Japan next week for a preparatory camp.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had sent a long list of athletes including wrestlers for the Paris Games on March 31 this year. The last date to make changes in the list is July 11. However, there is a provision for amendment in the list even after the deadline in case of an injury to the named athlete with athletes named for a particular event can be sent as the replacement.



a rider — only one among the athletes named for a particular event can be sent as the replacement.

WIMBLEDON

Ruud out in Round 2, Alcaraz, Gauff advance on rain-hit day

AGENCIES @ London

CARLOS Alcaraz raced into the Wimbledon third round on Wednesday to set up a mouth-watering duel with fellow crowd-pleaser Frances Tiafoe as Japanese superstar Naomi Osaka returned to Centre Court for the first time in five years. Alcaraz defeated Australia's world number 69 Aleksandar Vukic 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-2 on the back of 42 winners.

The third-seeded Spaniard's only moments of concern came in the first set when he let slip a 5-2 lead and found himself 5-6 down with Vukic serving for the opener.

However, the three-time major winner steadied the ship to race away to victory against a player who got the better of him in qualifying at the 2020 French Open. Alcaraz next fac-



Casper Ruud | AP

es Tiafoe, the American player he defeated in five sets in the semi-finals of the 2022 US Open on his way to his first Grand Slam triumph. "I'm going for him," said Alcaraz, who is bidding to become just the sixth man after Rod Laver, Bjorn Borg, Roger Federer, Rafael

Enjoy Wimbledon 2024 with 'Jumble' done

Urs scramble these jumbles to get a famous tennis player's second name (popular name), e.g Poes for Leander Poes

THE DAILY HINT
The alphabet in the circle/s to be saved as they will form part of the final answer.



Nadal and Novak Djokovic to win the French Open and Wimbledon titles back to back. "I'm ready to play a really high level of tennis and hopefully take him." Tiafoe made the third round by seeing off Borna Coric in straight sets.

Eccentric Fabio Fognini of Italy needed a clutch of match

points to knock out eighth-seeded Casper Ruud 6-4, 7-5, 6-7 (1/7), 6-3. The 37-year-old Fognini, sporting bleach-blond hair, twice served for the match from 5-2 up in the third set before sealing victory over the three-time Grand Slam runner-up in the fourth set.

Daniil Medvedev, the 2021 US Open champion, came back from dropping the first set and facing two set points in the second to see off Alexandre Muller of France 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 7-5. Australian Open champion and world number three Aryna Sabalenka said on Monday she was "heartbroken" to have withdrawn from Wimbledon

due to a shoulder injury. World number two and US Open champion Coco Gauff cruised into the third round with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Romanian qualifier Anca Todoni. "I'm happy with the way I played, could have been cleaner on some points," said Gauff. The American goes on to face British qualifier Sonay Kartal. **Select results:** Men (rd 2): Daniil Medvedev (RUS x5) bt Alexandre Muller (FRA) 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 7-5; Carlos Alcaraz (ESP x3) bt Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-2; Fabio Fognini (ITA) bt Casper Ruud (NOR x8) 6-4, 7-5, 6-7 (1/7), 6-3; Women: Sonay Kartal (GBR) bt Clara Burel (FRA) 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; Coco Gauff (USA x2) bt Anca Todoni (ROM) 6-2, 6-1. E. Raducanu bt E. Mertens 6-1, 6-2

TODAY'S MATCHES (SELECT): Men's singles: Rd 2: Men: E Ruusuorvi vs S Tsitsipas; Jaime Munar vs Alex de Minaur; Huber Hurkacz vs Arthur Fils. Women: X Wang vs J Pegula; D Snigur vs J Ostapenko; C Garcia vs B Pera; Y Putintseva vs S Kiriakova; C Wozniacki vs L Fernandez

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS



Kozhikode, a coastal city in the southern state of Kerala, has been designated as India's first UNESCO City of Literature.



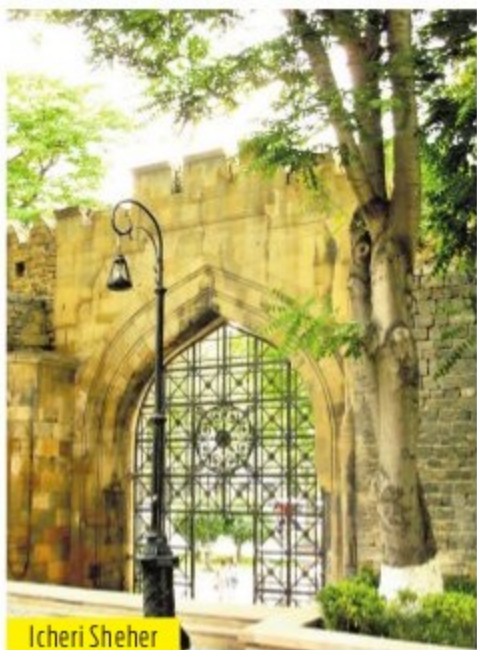
India's first Chadwick House: Navigating Audit Heritage Museum in Shimla is an ode to the legacy of Comptroller and Auditor General.



Maiden Tower



Ismailiyiyya Palace



Icheri Sheher

SHARMISTHA GHOSAL

AZERBAIJAN'S picturesque geography is crisscrossed by the Caucasian range and on a recent wellness trip, we hardly had any time left to explore the exotic country properly. But with half a day left to ourselves before we caught the flight back to India, we decided to make the most of it by navigating across the famous parts of Baku, Azerbaijan's capital. If you too are anywhere in and around the country and have a couple of free days in hand, we'd suggest you not miss Baku — a melting pot of tradition and modernity.

Baku, known for the still waters of Caspian Sea and its historic Inner City is fast becoming a popular destination for tourists from across the globe and the city will constantly remind you of Dubai and Paris in equal parts. A modern, vibrant and bustling city, with state-of-the-art modern architectural marvels and skyscrapers dotting the roads, Baku is also known for its historic monuments and settlements that date back as far as 4th Century BCE. Looking around and moving through the city centre, one is bound to find the broad crossroads and beautifully decorated lanes to be similar to the landscapes in Paris. The equally fashionably dressed locals add further to the feeling.

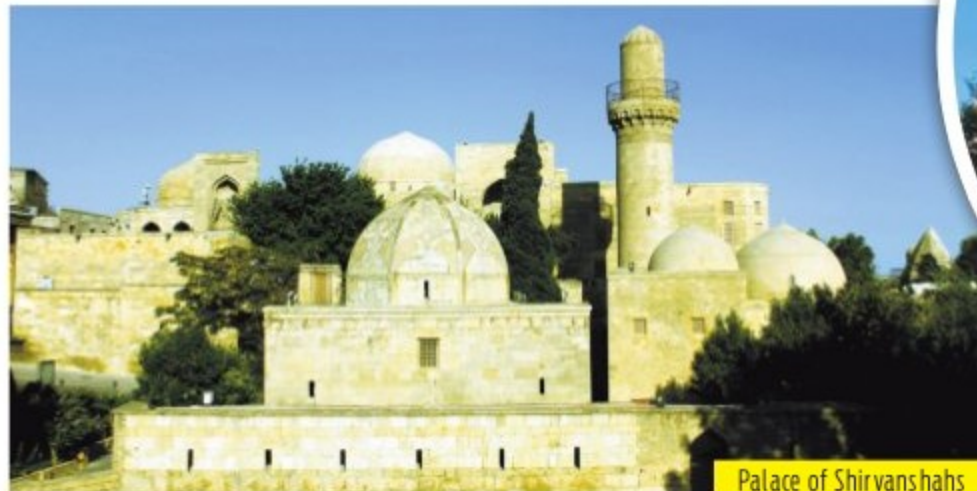
With only five hours in hand, we decided to amble around the main city centre and began our adventure



Heydar Aliyev Centre

BEAUTIFUL BAKU!

On a recent trip to Azerbaijan, we managed to do a quick five-hour tour of the capital, Baku; and were amazed at what the city had to offer...



Palace of Shirvanshahs

with Icheri Sheher or the famous Inner City, which covers a small radius of about two kms. As we walked through one of the old gates, we could immediately feel the difference in architecture with cobbled pathways and centuries old but well-maintained houses sprawling across the area. The charming monuments together constitute the UNESCO-listed

Walled City of Baku. What we loved the most about the old city is how some of the ancient heritage structures now house famed hotels and boutiques thronged by foreigners and locals alike. The whole time, this area was crowded with people, young and old, having a good time over great food and drinks served at the inviting diners within the complex.

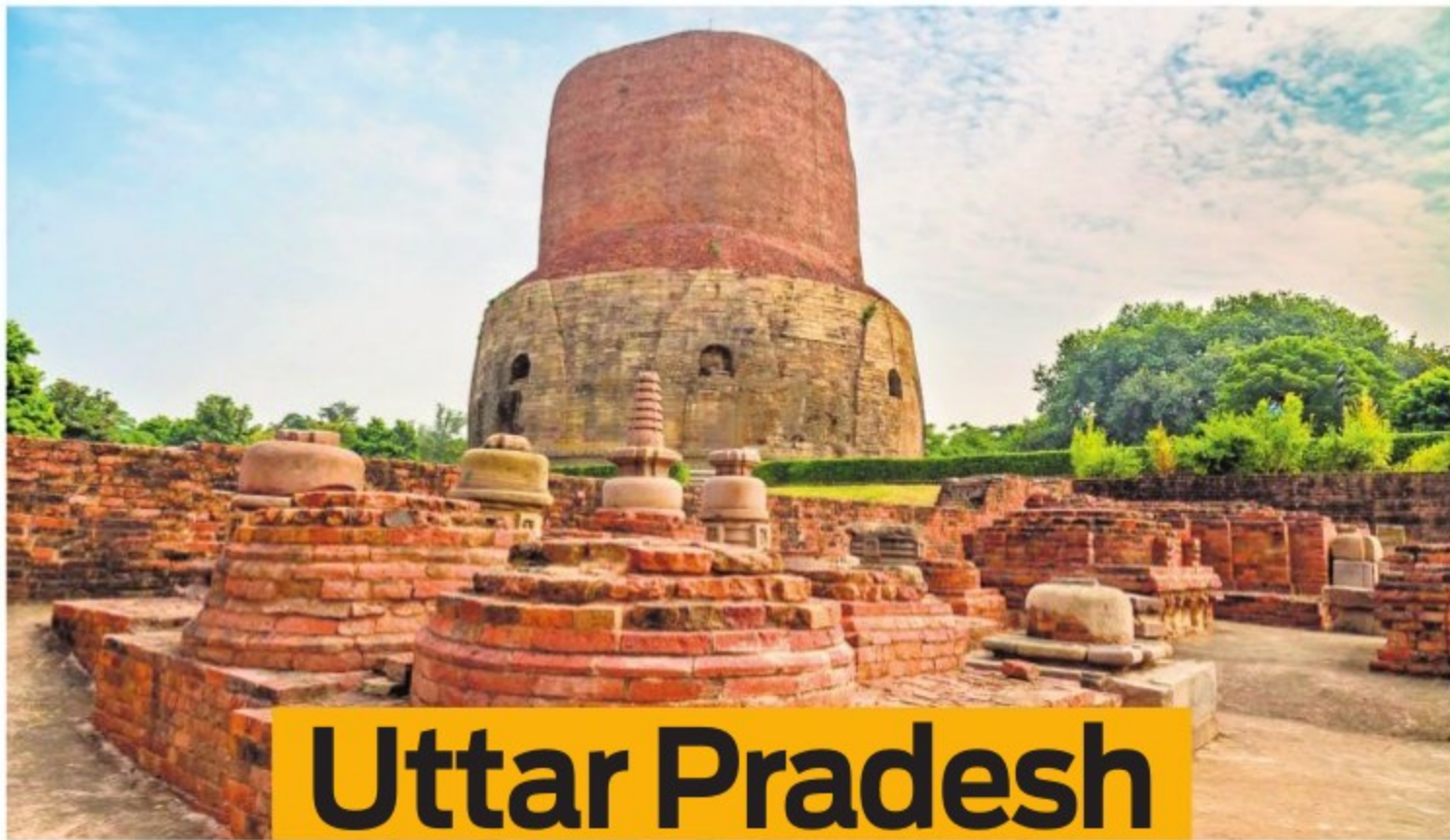


Nizami Street

We too decided to have a taste of the local delicacies at one of the most renowned restaurants inside the complex, Shakh Garden, located a stone's throw away from the Maiden Tower. Housed inside a building that has the nature reserve status for its historical significance, the diner has an enormous caravan setting with a huge tree stump adorned with life-like red flowers taking centre stage. This iconic food mecca with a trendy

ambience is bustling with chattering guests at any time of the day and we loved the live music and had our portraits sketched by a local artist while waiting for the food to arrive. A big warm bowl of local meatball soup served with an assortment of bread, spices and a sprig of zesty spring onions that rejuvenated our tired limbs and readied us for the second leg of our quick walk around the city.

The two main monuments to look around while inside the Old City are Shirvanshah's Palace and the Maiden Tower. A combo ticket of about 36 manat will give you access to the Palace, Maiden Tower, Tahir Salahov's House and an Underground Bath. The Shirvanshah's Palace might pale in comparison to the ornate palaces in Rajasthan, but the understated beauty and the well-laid out gardens holding Shirvanshah's Tomb, makes this worth a visit. Following the tour around the palace we quickly made our way through maze-like alleys to the Maiden Tower. Constructed in 12th century atop ancient structures that date back to 6th or 7th century BCE, the imposing structure is believed to have been a Zoroastrian Fire Temple. As you climb up the strenuous flights of stairs, you can see the museum displays carefully arranged on different levels. But the best part of the fatiguing climb up is the rooftop view. The Underground Bath Museum on the other hand has old exhibits that take you through the local Islamic bathing rituals. Post our sojourn around the historic structures, we crossed over to the other side of the road from the Maiden Tower to have a view of the breath-taking Caspian Sea. The long windy coastline has been beautifully paved with broad concrete walking pavements dotted with benches at regular intervals. With only about half an hour left before we had to head back to the airport, we ensured we also did some quick window shopping. Baku has a lot to offer and so don't miss a chance to check out the beautiful city, even if it is for a few hours.



Uttar Pradesh

HOSTS BODHI YATRA CONCLAVE TO BOOST BUDDHIST TOURISM

Spanning Sarnath, Kushinagar and other locations, Uttar Pradesh's recent conclave focused on spiritual heritage and the Buddhist circuit's tourism potential...

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

UTTAR Pradesh recently hosted the Bodhi Yatra conclave and the event featured a cultural show depicting the life of Lord Buddha, aiming to strengthen the spiritual and cultural connections with Southeast Asia — promoting cultural diplomacy and encouraging Foreign Direct Investment in the state's tourism sector. Ambassadors from Singapore, Thailand, Myanmar, Bhutan, Japan, Indonesia, Argentina, Mongolia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam were present, along with members of the International Buddhist Council, academicians, representatives from national and international organisations, bureaucrats, travel writers and even bloggers.

Key officials at the event included Union Tourism Minister Gajendra

Singh Shekhawat, Uttar Pradesh Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh, Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism V Vidyavati, Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh Durga Shankar Mishra, Principal Secretary of Tourism and Culture Mukesh Kumar Meshram, Special Secretary of Tourism Eesha Priya, Director General of IBC Abhijit Halder and Former Deputy Speaker of CTA Acharya Yeshi Phuntsok.

The event commenced with a presentation by Eesha Priya, showcasing Uttar Pradesh's six major Buddhist sites: Sankisa, Sarnath, Shravasti, Kapilvastu, Kaushambi and Kushinagar. Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra followed with a speech, emphasising the event's goal of strengthening spiritual and cultural connections with Southeast Asia, promoting cultural diplomacy and encouraging Foreign Direct Investment in the state's tourism sector. He mentioned the allocation of land in Varanasi for Bhutan's temple and guest

house projects, inviting other countries to invest in the hospitality and tourism sector.

A roundtable discussion explored initiatives to promote these historical and spiritual sites, focusing on attracting foreign tourists. Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat praised Uttar Pradesh's efforts to create tourist circuits, particularly the Buddha Circuit. Uttar Pradesh Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh discussed the state's efforts to develop the Buddhist circuit and attract Buddhist pilgrims from India and abroad. Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra reiterated Uttar Pradesh's significance in Buddhism, highlighting the state's initiatives to promote Buddhist sites globally and the development of infrastructure and world-class tourist facilities.

During the event, Secretary of the Union Ministry of Tourism, V Vidyavati, remarked, "Buddha resides in the heart and soul of Uttar Pradesh. The Government of India, in collaboration with the Government of Uttar Pradesh, aims to not only create a memorable experience for the Buddhist pilgrims but also ensure the development and better employment opportunities for the local communities. We are also keen to enhance the infrastructure and amenities of Buddhist Museums in the state as they are a living source of history."

Drukyl's

Literature & Arts Festival returns to Bhutan!

Head to this Himalayan kingdom also known as The Land of the Thunder Dragon, this August, to kindle the mind and soul...

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

If you're a bookworm and can't get enough of great reading or are obsessed with books and everything concerned with literature and arts, then this will come to you as great news as Bhutan Echoes just announced the 13th Edition of the Drukyl's Literature and Arts Festival 2024 (DLAF), scheduled for August 3 to 5, in Thimphu, Bhutan. The festival, which is very popular and one of the most famous literature and arts festivals in the region is organised under the patronage of the Queen Mother of Bhutan, Gyalum Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck and promises to be a captivating showcase of literature, culture and art.

The festival is also a great opportunity to travel around the Himalayan kingdom that is often called the 'happiest place on earth.' DLAF 2024 will explore the theme of Mindfulness, inspired by Buddhist values of compassion, harmony and self-awareness and will feature esteemed guests such as

Sudha Murty, Anton Hur and Ashwin Sanghi, alongside engaging panel discussions, workshops and readings.

DLAF proudly stands as the crowning jewel of Bhutan Echoes, an initiative devoted to nurturing literature, culture and the arts within the serene kingdom. The festival has welcomed distinguished speakers such as Ruskin Bond, Pico Iyer, Vikas Swarup, Markus Zusak, Padma Lakshmi, Vikram Seth, Kabir Bedi, Kunzang Choden and Pawo Choyning Dorji in past editions.

Once there, do try and spare some time for travel around the picturesque country. You can visit the National Memorial Chorten, The Memorial Stupa which is located on Doeboom Lam in the southern-central part of Thimphu, or Tashichho Dzong, a Buddhist monastery and fortress on the northern edge of the city, on the western bank of the River Wang Chu. There's also Simtokha Dzong also known as Sangak Zabdhon Phodrang, which is a small dzong (fortified monastery) in the vicinity. The dzong was built in 1628 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, who unified Bhutan and it is the first of its kind built in the kingdom.



TRAVEL DIARY

IHG Hotels & Resorts launches the first Voco hotel in India

This global hospitality brand has introduced its premium lifestyle product, Voco, to India, with its inaugural location in Jim Corbett, Uttarakhand. Voco Jim Corbett — spread across 13.5 acres of lush greenery along the majestic Kosi riverside in the Dhikuli region — boasts thoughtfully designed guest rooms, an all-day dining restaurant, a beautiful al fresco restaurant and Tattva spa. The new resort features the brand's three hallmarks — come on in, me time and voco life — woven into its DNA with relaxed settings.



Courtyard by Marriott brand debuts in the idyllic state of Goa

Marking its entry into Goa with the launch of Courtyard by Marriott Goa Colva. The popular hospitality label's newest property is situated in one of the state's most sought-after locales and this 91-room hotel embodies the susegado lifestyle of Goa. Courtyard by Marriott Goa Colva offers contemporary rooms, some featuring private balconies with lush panoramic views and indulgent bathtubs. The hotel enjoys a prime location near Colva Beach, providing guests easy access to popular beach shacks, local restaurants and charming bars.





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DAY'S DIARY

Token of friendship

In Paris, the Statue of Liberty was presented to the US ambassador as a commemoration of the friendship between France and the US in 1884

CONSTRUCTION

Work on the statue began in 1875. A year later, the statue, formally called 'Liberty Enlightening the World', was on display to help with fundraising for the building of the statue's pedestal



MEET THE ENGINEER

Constructed of copper sheets over a steel framework by engineer Gustave Eiffel, the statue stood over 151 feet and weighed 225 tonnes



SYMBOLISM

Lady Liberty reminds of the determination and resilience of the American people. It now stands as a National Park in the state of New York

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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GOING GLOCAL!

As Carnatic fusion music gains traction among Bengalureans, bands are blending metal and rock with homegrown harmonies to captivate audiences worldwide

POOJA DAS

IMAGINE mixing colours that have never before been put together to create an explosion of unpredictable hues and shades. That is the essence of fusion music – blending disparate genres and creating something unique from it. In recent years, Bengaluru has become a vibrant hub for musical innovation, with many fusion bands harnessing the rhythmic intricacies of Carnatic music with the dynamic rhythms and melodies of contemporary Western genres like rock, metal, and jazz.

Project MishraM, a seven-piece band that had its humble beginnings at RV College of Engineering, epitomises

the eclectic essence of Carnatic fusion. Their fusion roots stem from their diverse musical backgrounds in Carnatic music; Shivaraj Natraj, the band's vocalist comes from a Carnatic family with his grandmother and great-grandmother being Carnatic artists. "Most band members, including the violinist, flautist, and drummer, have training in Carnatic music. The fusion part of it comes from our diverse musical interests, ranging from EDM to progressive metal," he says.

Today, with members spread across the globe, the band's international tours, include performances at UK Tech Fest, highlighting their growing influence. "People are increas-

ingly interested in fusion," observes Natraj.

Sivaranjini Chandramouli, the vocalist of Thisram, a six-member band rooted in Carnatic traditions, agrees about the rising popularity of Carnatic fusion bands. "More bands are performing fusion, and exposure to world music has increased in cities like Bengaluru and Chennai," she explains. The band's perform-

ance in Bengaluru recently attracted a full house, a feat that seemed almost 'unbelievable' to them.

But with the growing popularity, Natraj is also concerned about it becoming too mainstream. "I hope the fusion that gets out there is of good quality, with thorough research on both the Carnatic and counter-part genres. I've heard a lot of fusion music that leans too heavily one way or the other because they just want to have that 'cool sound', but well-meant fusion, studied on both sides, can produce something beautiful," he says.

Guitarist Raghunandan S Rao of Mysore Xpress, an independent Kannada indie-rock band, on the other hand, brings a fresh perspec-

make it work because the genres are often dead opposite from each other. As long as people remain open to listening and musicians keep experimenting, the future looks promising."

K Sujana Rao, percussionist of another Carnatic fusion band Tarana, which formed during Covid-19 says that their mission is to make Carnatic classical music more accessible for younger generations. "Pure Carnatic or Hindustani concerts often take place in closed auditoria, and the younger generation, who don't usually listen to such music, might find it boring. We aim to make this type of music reach a larger audience so they can start learning and appreciating it. It's important to get your foundations right. Many students have mentioned that it reignited their interest in classical music," highlights Rao.

While fusion music has made strides among metropolitans, vocalist of Thisram band, Bhargavi Manogna, says there still remain many challenges. "Platforms like music festivals and college fairs are encouraging more independent music. But it's still challenging, with preferences often leaning towards familiar cover songs."

tive, emphasising, "Even if you add a bit of Carnatic to a pop song, it makes it unique. It doesn't matter if it's for two seconds or the entire song. Fusing two genres isn't easy, and I appreciate musicians who



College fests, social media and influences in mainstream music has increased the popularity of Carnatic fusion bands

CITY READ

Honorary doctorate conferred

Dr VG Joseph, Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of Maldives in Bangalore and the Chancellor of Garden City University, conferred an honorary doctorate to Sunny Kulathakal for his contributions to journalism and community building in the presence of registrar Dr Ciby Shaji, Vice Chancellor Dr GM Natak and Pro Vice Chancellor Dr Vandana Hegde.



Eye checkup camp held

Students from Sunkadakatte Vidyani Ketan Public School received free glasses at an eye checkup camp organised by Rotary Foundation, Modi Eye Hospital, and Gift of Sight. The event took place at Samyukta Shray, where Dhananjaya K, School Management Board Secretary, and Rashmi Mithun Kumar, a trustee, Manjunath Aluru, representing Gift of Sight, were also in attendance.



Music academy launched

Muzigal, a music education platform, recently launched its fourth state-of-the-art music academy at Amruthahalli, Jakkuru Layout. The academy is spread over 2,200 sqft and offers both vocal and instrumental lessons. With a capacity to accommodate over 500 students, spread over multiple batches, the academy will offer lessons in piano, keyboard, guitar, drums, Carnatic vocals, Hindustani vocals, Western vocals, violin and ukulele.

A year since photographer and automotive enthusiast Navroze Contractor's untimely death, an exhibition chronicles his rich life and diverse artistic legacy

Celebrating A LIFE THROUGH LENS & FILM



Khurramshah, Iran, 1970



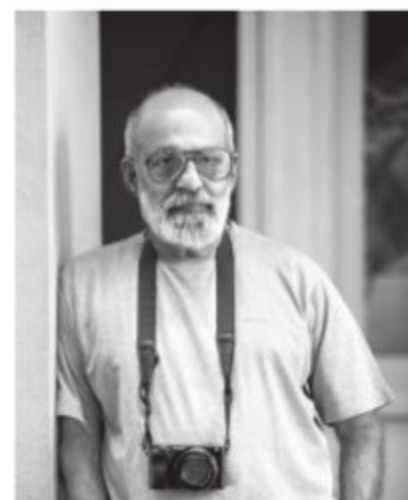
Rajasthan, 1972

EXPRESS FEATURES

F not for a tragic motorcycle accident in June 2023, photographer, cinematographer, and automotive enthusiast Navroze Contractor would have celebrated his 80th birthday this weekend. Born on July 7, 1944, Contractor was a pivotal figure in the dawn of India's parallel cinema movement. He was also an avid photographer, with his work displayed at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC, USA.

An exhibition titled Photography Strictly Prohibited, to be held from July 5-7 at the Bangalore International Centre in Domlur, is set to commemorate Contractor's birth anniversary, offering visitors a deep dive into his diverse artistic legacy. The exhibition will feature a thoughtfully-curated selection of Contractor's photographs, articles, and interviews, providing an immersive experience into his life and work.

"He was passionate about motorcycling and music. He also loved sports, which he participated in during his college days and continued to be in-



Navroze Contractor | MALLIKARJUN KATAKO

involved with later on as well. His interests were very diverse, and he was extremely fond of travelling and everything automotive as well," says filmmaker Sanjiv Shah, who is curating the exhibition alongside photographer Anuj Ambalal and automotive enthusiast Himanshu Pancha. A close friend and collaborator of Contractor, Shah adds, "The exhibition aims to showcase aspects of Navroze's life that many people might not be aware of. While his work in cinematography and his love for motorcycling



Along Ship Breaking Yard, 1991

are well-known, fewer people have seen the full extent of his photographic work."

The exhibition features a curated collection selected from over 20,000 photographs that Contractor had taken since he was 16. "They are mainly shot from the early 1960s until his passing. He wasn't a classical photographer who worked for magazines. Later in life, he did some work for car and bike magazines, but his photography was more personal and reflective of his view of the world," Shah explains.

Accompanying the exhibition is a book of the same title that provides deeper insights into Contractor's life. "The book is not a catalogue of the exhibition but aims to bring forward aspects of Navroze's character and his political awareness," says Shah, adding, "It includes parts of his unpublished autobiographical writing, media interviews, and stories about significant events in his career. There are also contributions from friends who knew him well, offering their perspectives on his work and character."

Furthermore, the films *Duvidha* and *Jharu Katha* – highlights of Contractor's extensive body of work – are also being screened alongside the exhibition.

(Photography Strictly Prohibited will open on July 5, 5.30pm, at the Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. Entry is free. For more details, visit bangalore-international-centre.org)



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

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Send answers to bengaluruexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

- 1) Lalbagh
- 2) Vrishabhavathi
- 3) Shivagange Hills

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

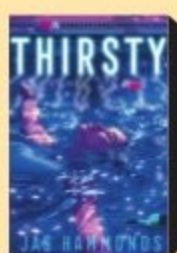
- 1) Poorvika Nagaraj
- 2) Feroze Ahmed Sharief
- 3) Nagesh Kumar

**BOOK
NOOK**



Perfume & Pain
by Anna Dom

In this nod to 1950s lesbian pulp fiction, Astrid Dahl tries to revive her career in LA while navigating romantic entanglements with a grad student and a new neighbour. Amid career pressures and her worst vices resurfacing, she gets a chance to adapt her novel for TV.



Thirsty
by Jas Hammonds

Eighteen-year-old Blake Brenner and her girlfriend Ella aim to join the Serena Society before college. While Ella is assured of acceptance, Blake must prove herself. As pledging intensifies, Blake's drinking escalates, forcing her to choose between her dreams and her true self.



Goagram
by Bina Nayak

Madhur Chopra escapes Covid-infested Delhi for Goa, aiming to become a fashion influencer. Staying in a crumbling Goan mansion, her vlogs gain popularity, but a horrifying experience shatters her dreams in this tale of resilience and reinvention.



Allow Me To Introduce Myself
by Onyi Nwabineli

Anuri's life has always been chronicled and monetized by her influential stepmother. Being a freed adult now, she decides to end this abuse by her stepmother when the latter starts preying on her young half-sister.



DIVINE LOVE

Artists from the Sanjukta Sinha Dance Company showcase Leela, a dance production delving into the love story of Krishna, Radha, and the Gopis at the Bangalore International Centre on Tuesday | **GAYATRI SREEKESH**

QUICKFIX

BRINJAL PACHADI

INGREDIENTS

- **Oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Small brinjal:** 3-4
- **Tomato:** 1
- **Onion:** 1
- **Garlic:** 3 pods
- **Green chilli:** 1

METHOD

- In a pan, add oil of your choice and chopped brinjal, tomato, onion, chilli, garlic, and salt.
- Toss them in the pan until the brinjal turns out super soft.
- Wait until this cools down, and then mash it really well in the mortar.
- Serve with hot rice and ghee.



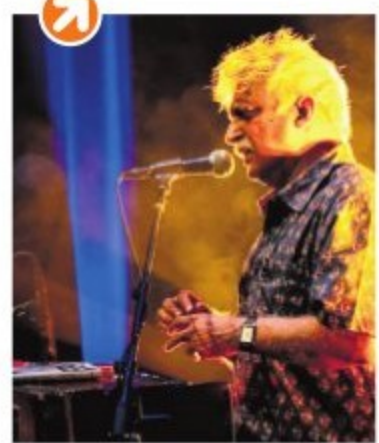
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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Soulful Melodies

Get ready for a captivating musical journey with **Piyush Mishra's** Ballimaaraan, a musical homage to the doyen of Urdu poetry, Mirza Ghalib. Enjoy an evening filled with heartfelt melodies and poignant storytelling.

● **WHEN:** July 6, 7pm
● **WHERE:** Phoenix Market City, Mahadevapura
● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



COFFEE & COMEDY

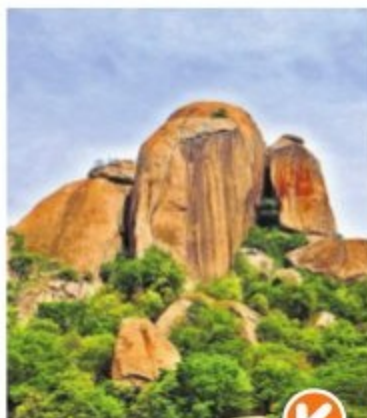
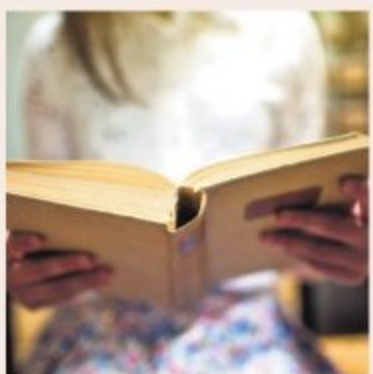
Enjoy a lively late-night comedy show with delightful drinks and cosy vibes, featuring a talented lineup of standup comics. ● **WHEN:** July 5, 11pm
● **WHERE:** Starbucks, Indiranagar ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Sufi Night

Calm your mind and soul in the magical evening where spirituality meets artistry. Experience the profound beauty of Sufi poetry and the graceful movements.

● **WHEN:** July 6, 7pm
● **WHERE:** Healing Studioz KPCL, Kasavanahalli
● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Adventure Trails

Explore the trails of Ramanagara in this adventurous journey to the hills. Unleash your inner wanderlust and spend some time in nature's beauty.

● **WHEN:** July 6, 6pm
● **WHERE:** Ramanagara Hills, Ramanagara
● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Theatre Time

Immerse yourself in *Mr Rao and Associates*, a heartfelt play on how technology shapes family relationships, highlighting the enduring importance of deep human connection.

● **WHEN:** July 6, 7pm
● **WHERE:** Dr CAshwanth Kala Bhavana, Basavanagudi
● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Musical Mastery

Elevate your music skills, uncover the secrets of your favourite music and delve deep into the theory of music at this workshop. ● **WHEN:** July 6, 10:30am
● **WHERE:** My School of Rock, Koramangala
● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Oral Tales

Attend In Search of Our First Citizens, an oral travelogue by Pragna Padhi. Discover tribal life through her adventures in Birbhum, Odisha, and among the Bonda and Dhongariya tribes and explore how these communities maintain their traditions amidst changing times.

● **WHEN:** July 6, 12:30pm
● **WHERE:** Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
● **DETAILS:** attagalatta.com



Weekend Grooves

Rev up your Friday night with DJs Rohit and Cyrus and get ready for limitless dancing and unforgettable vibes.

● **WHEN:** July 5, 8pm
● **WHERE:** Tyd, K Narayanapura Main Road
● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

I am a foodie who loves trying out different cuisines. How do I keep my weight in check with such a lifestyle?

It's possible to make healthy choices when eating out; 80 per cent of the time, try to eat home-cooked food as you are in control of what goes into your dish. When you dine out, choose grilled or roasted dishes over deep-fried foods, opt for salads or vegetable sides, and avoid creamy soups and cashew-nut-based gravies. Dessert can be skipped completely if you are counting calories to

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lose weight or eat out every day. While eating, we usually tend to pair our food with a sugary drink. Water can be a great replacement for that. It will keep your calories in check and also help you avoid overeating. Last but not least, chew your food thoroughly. We usually underestimate this, but this is a great way to help you eat less and make you feel full more quickly.



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FITBIT

ADHO MUKHA SUKHASANA
(EASY POSE FORWARD BEND)

This Easy Pose Forward Bend is a calming and soothing forward fold performed in Sukhasana with the arms extended in front and the forehead touching the ground. This pose acts as a restorative stretch for the whole body and is a great check-in for back and pelvic muscles. It also helps in relieving any stress or tension built-in the body after Vinyasa flow.

STEPS

- Start by sitting in Sukhasana with a slight forward bend. Rest your palms on the mat.
- Stay here for a few breaths. Sit straight, with shoulders broadened and hands kept straight in the elbows.
- Bend forward and inhale. Exhale, slide your hands forward, and rest them and your forehead on the ground.
- Bend your arms slightly. Let the elbows rest on the floor.
- Stay here in the Sukhasana Forward Bend for 8-10 breaths.
- Students who can't touch their foreheads on the ground can use a bolster or a block.
- Keep your hips rooted. Externally rotate your shoulders away from the ears.
- To release, lift your face and look straight. Inhale, and gently slide your hands back to get back into an upright seated position.
- Relax in Sukhasana with your palms resting on your knees and your fingers curled in.

LIMITATIONS

- Students with recent abdominal surgery or with injuries to the hips, knees, or lower back should avoid this pose.
- Pregnant women should not attempt this variation of the forward bend but can follow the same in Butterfly Legs.
- Being a restorative pose, students of all levels can do this within their limits and abilities.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the hip muscles and lower back.
- Tones the pelvic floor muscles and strengthens the back muscles.
- Releases pressure off the discs.
- Helps open the sides of the body, creating more space for the ribs to expand laterally, helping the functioning of the lungs and thereby increasing their capacity.
- Helps practitioners establish a body-breath connection.
- Improves concentration.
- Relaxes the spine, shoulders, neck, and head.
- Aids with the functioning of the circulatory, respiratory, and nervous systems of the body.
- Can be practised after a yoga session or as a counter-movement to the spine after the practice of deep backbends.
- The calming effect helps the free flow of prana (energy) throughout the body, encouraging the stimulation of the various chakras and bringing balance to both the body and mind.
- Improves the functioning of the digestive and reproductive systems.
- Helps to alleviate the symptoms related to disorders in the urinary bladder, kidneys, or irregular periods.
- Can act as a preparation for Dharana-Dhyana.
- Can be included in yoga sequences for senior citizens and menstruating women.



By **N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai**

ARTCORNER



HIDDEN TRUTHS

Artist Bhoomi Dattani's soft pastels and watercolour artwork masterfully depict a hidden figure with eyes that tell an untold story

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Veeraaj

I AM EXCITED TO BE LAUNCHED BY DIRECTOR SUNI

A SHARADHAA

DIRECTOR SUNI, known for introducing new talent, is set to launch actor Veeraaj into the spotlight. Their upcoming film, tentatively titled *Devaru Ruju Madidanu*, draws inspiration from a line in a poem by the legendary writer Kuvempu. Interestingly, Veeraaj is a distant relative of the Rajkumar family and has harboured aspirations of becoming an actor since childhood.

In an interview with *CE*, Veeraaj expressed his enthusiasm for entering the film industry and his happiness at being launched by Suni. He also highlighted Puneeth Rajkumar as his guiding force and shared his excitement

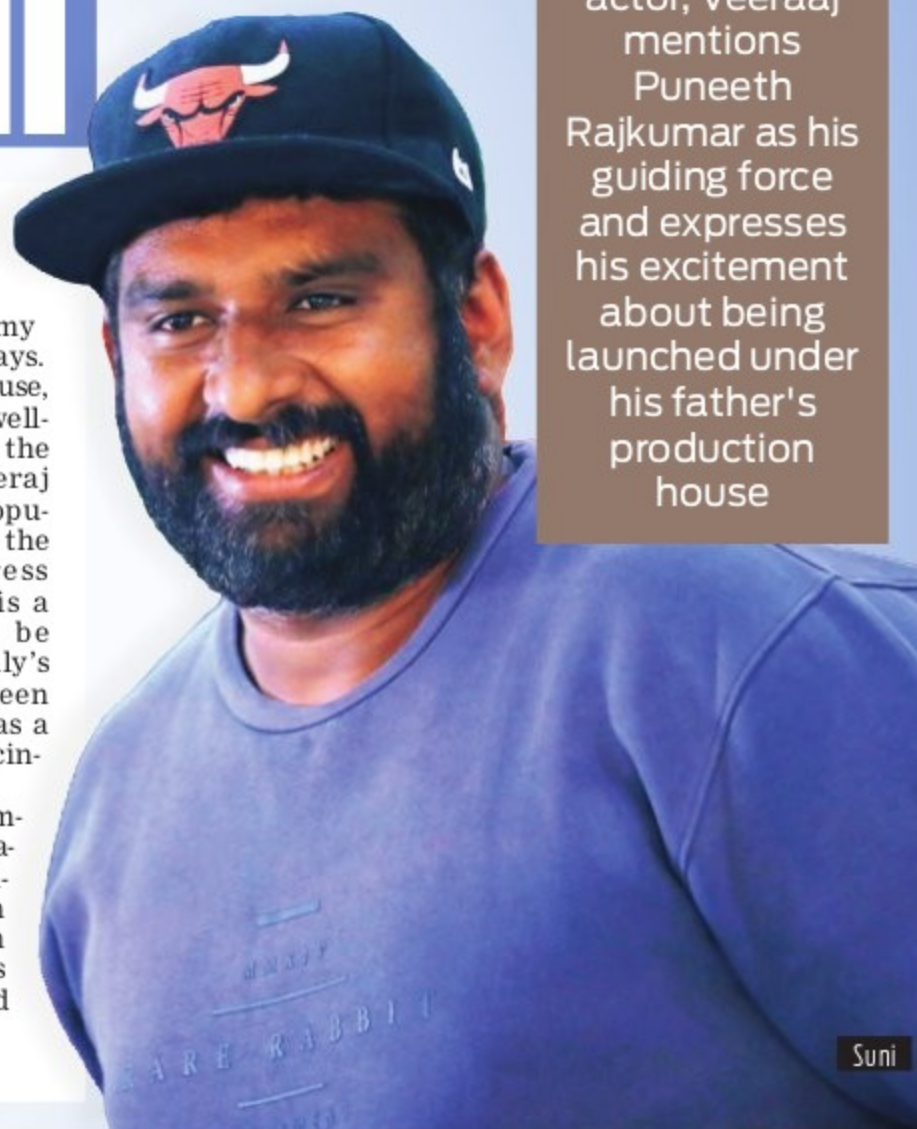
about being launched under his father's production house. "Suni is a genuine and hardworking filmmaker who creates a positive atmosphere on set. Working with like-minded people is more interesting for newcomers," Veeraaj remarked.

Since childhood, Veeraaj has admired Puneeth's films and considers the actor as his inspiration to set foot in the industry. "Having pursued an engineering degree, I am a dancer skilled in Bollywood freestyle. I honed my acting skills through years of training in theatre at MES Ranga shale and Abinaya Taranga," he says. He recalls expressing his wish to Puneeth Rajkumar about his acting aspirations and reveals that he had received a few tips from the actor. "I often met Appu at family functions and events where

I expressed my desire to become an actor. He has given me valuable tips that I want to follow in my cinema career," Veeraaj says.

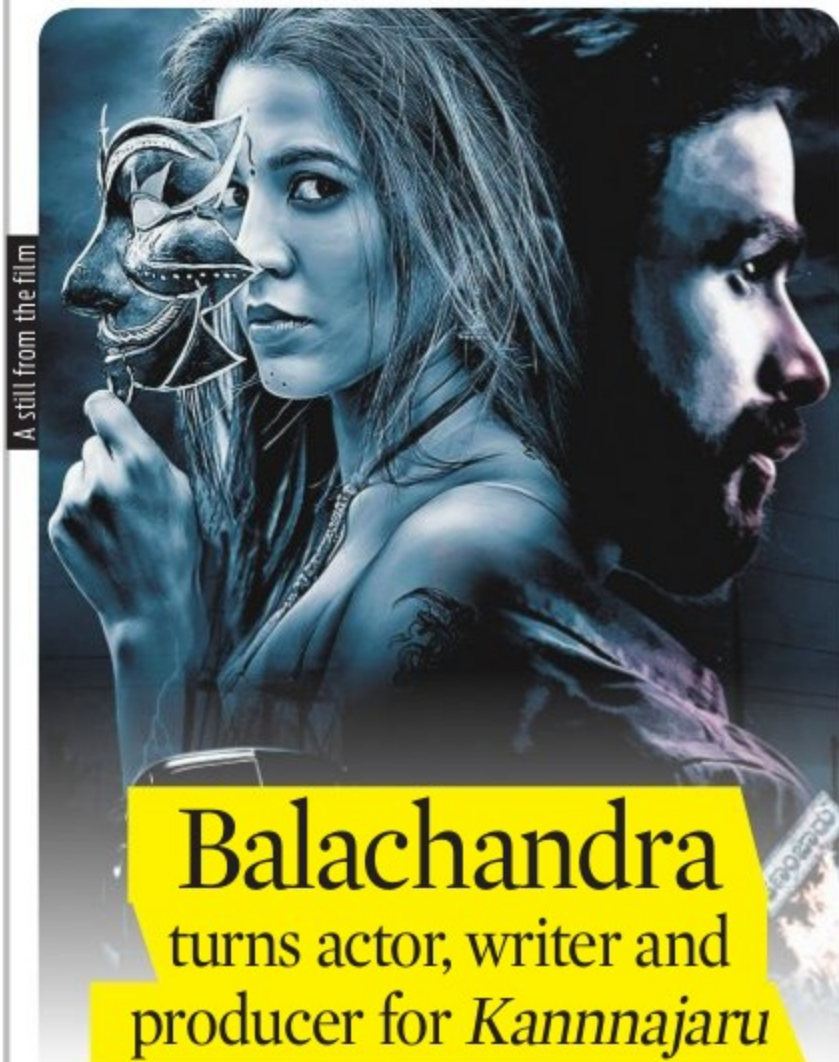
Reflecting on Green House, his father Govindraju's well-known establishment in the heart of Bengaluru, Veeraaj reminisced about its popularity among artists and the media for hosting press meets and events. "It is a source of pride to be launched under my family's production banner, Green House Movies, which has a unique connection with cinema," says Veeraaj.

Suni has currently completing shooting for *Gathavaiabava*, starring Dushyath. He plans to begin shooting for Veeraaj's film in September. More details on the project are expected to be revealed soon.



Suni

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A still from the film

Balachandra turns actor, writer and producer for *Kannanjaru*

CE FEATURES

RBALACHANDRA, known for his production ventures like *Mahanubhavar* and *Naayaka*, has juggled multiple responsibilities in his latest venture, *Kannanjaru*. The upcoming film has Balachandra writing, producing, as well as acting in the lead role. Reflecting on his journey, he shares, "Initially, I entrusted the directorial reins to someone else, but when plans fell through, I stepped up to direct it myself."

Billed as a thriller, *Kannanjaru* was filmed across 55 to 60 days in locales spanning Karkala, Udipi, and Honnavar, capturing the essence of its setting. Recently, the teaser for the film was unveiled fol-

lowing the earlier release of its motion poster and title, sparking positive responses from viewers, artists, and industry insiders alike. The makers attribute the film's title to a village near Karkala, suggesting a link to the thriller's narrative. Balachandra hints that the title's significance will unravel within the storyline itself.

The film also stars Apurva, Sharmita Gowda, veteran actor Ramakrishna, PS Sridhar, and Megha in pivotal roles. The film's musical score is composed by Harshvardhan Raj, along with background score by Shashank Seshagiri, editing by Venky, and cinematography by Manjunath Hegde. A release date for *Kannanjaru* is yet to be announced by the makers.

TEAM KARAVALLI UNVEILS ANOTHER SHADE OF PRAJWAL DEVARAJ'S CHARACTER



CE FEATURES

ACTOR PRAJWAL DEVARAJ, set to portray various facets in Gurudatha Ganiga's upcoming film, *Karavalli*, has sparked speculation about whether he will pull off the essence of Yakshagana or Kambala, showcasing a never-before-seen role by the

Dynamic Prince. The latest poster from *Karavalli*, released on the actor's birthday, has further piqued interest. In it, he is seated amidst buffaloes outside an old cow shed, striking a serious pose.

Karavalli, directed by Gurudatha Ganiga, has completed about sixty percent of its filming against the scenic backdrop of the coastal belt. Apart from directing, Gurudatha Ganiga will also produce the project alongside VK Films. The film explores the timeless conflict between man and nature. Sampada plays the female lead, and the film also features notable actors such as Mitra, Sreedhar, and Niranjan. Sachin Basur has composed the music for *Karavalli*, while Abhimanyu Sadanandan handles the cinematography.

A still from the film

Family Drama looking for a July-end release

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FAMILY Drama, which marks the directorial debut of Akarsh, features a talented cast including Abhay, Ananya Amar, Sindhu Srinivas Murthy, Rekha, and Poornachandra Mysore. The film, having wrapped shooting, recently unveiled its trailer and followed up with the release of

the title track 'Li Li Li Family Li', sung by Vasuki Vaibhav on July 3. This track has swiftly gained popularity for its melodious charm and captivating visual appeal. Composed by Chetan Ammaiah with lyrics penned by Sharat Vasishtha and Ammaiah, the music enriches a crucial party scene where characters hatch a murder plot, adding to the film's un-

folding drama.

Produced by Dabbugudi Muralikrishna, an NRI based in the US, this marks his debut production venture in Kannada under DMK Entertainment. The film, billed as a comedy centred around a family entangled in a murder plot, introduces fresh faces to the Sandalwood industry. Anticipated for release by the end of July,



A still from the film

PRASHANTH VALLAVAN

MADE in England: The Films of Powell and Pressburger is a colourful celebration of the rich cinematic legacy of the British filmmaking duo, Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger. With a vibrant filmography, that includes films like *The Red Shoes* (1948), *A Canterbury Tale* (1944), *Black Narcissus* (1947), and *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp* (1943), the duo, who shared credits as writers, directors, and producers, left an indelible mark in cinematic history. While *Made in England* documents their contributions to cinema with passion and exuberance, its existence by itself is a nodal point that connects the life and journey of film royalty, like director Martin Scorsese and his longtime collaborator, editor Thelma Schoonmaker, who also happens to be the wife of the late Michael Powell. Schoonmaker serves as an ex-

ecutive producer in the documentary while Scorsese narrates it, flavoured with personal notes about how Powell and Pressburger's films influenced some of his own celebrated works, like *The Raging Bull* (1980) and *The Age of Innocence* (1993).

While Martin Scorsese might have introduced Michael Powell to Thelma Schoonmaker, the initiative to document Powell and Pressburger's legacy, flowed from Schoonmaker to Scorsese. She recounts, "It was actually the idea of one of the producers Nick Varley, who had distributed Powell and Pressburger films for many years. I then took it to Marty." Schoonmaker reveals that they thought David Hinton would be the perfect director to make the documentary, as he had already made a program with Michael Powell, when he was alive. Elaborating on how he built the script around Scorsese's thoughts, David Hinton says, "I went into the archives and dug



A still from 'The Red Shoes'

'Powell and Pressburger made films for the world, not just for a country'



Emeric Pressburger, Michael Powell

out everything Scorsese said about Powell and Pressburger, from interviews to introducing their films in screenings, and prefaces to books about them, there was a lot of material." After the data culminated into a first draft, Hinton sat down with Scorsese to crystallise the structure. "He was very meticulous about getting every word exactly right. He thought about everything in great detail," he says, before adding, "It was a very collaborative effort, even the editing. Even though Marty and Thelma didn't take credit for it, they actually did a lot of editing for the film." Reminiscing about the making of the film, Schoonmaker says, "It was a wonderful collaboration because we all have a deep love for Michael (Powell) (laughs). In fact, David (Hinton) knew him personally, he actually carried Michael's coffin when he died."

On the seismic impact of Powell and Pressburger's films and their relevance in con-

temporary film appreciation, Hinton comments, "Almost any young British film director cites Powell and Pressburger's films as an influence, even if they make films that are wildly different. They permeate the culture of British cinema." Schoonmaker adds, "These films were made seventy years ago and the young people are responding to it beautifully. It is a great tribute to Powell and Pressburger that their films have lasted this terrible period when their films were thrown out into oblivion. Marty has done so much to bring their films back to the world." She then goes on to expound on the universality of Powell and Pressburger's films. "Michael (Powell) thought they should make films for the world, not for Britain or India. They both had a deep understanding of humanity. Marty said to me recently that he loves the

characters in their films. What happens in these films is that even if someone is not a good person, they portray them in a way that is interesting and enjoyable. Both Michael and Scorsese share the idea that they do not want to deal with villains or heroes.

They make films about the people in between. The loving way the people are portrayed in these films is really impacting the young, they are looking for that."

David Hinton then takes us back to a period when Powell and Pressburger films felt out of resonance with the zeitgeist. He says, "During certain periods of time, certain types of films are fashionable. In the '60s, the great fashion was documentary-influenced films, what we would call 'Kitchen sink dramas', portrayals of working-class life, and a lot of influence from the French New Wave."



David Hinton

Thelma Schoonmaker